1861

Historical Happenings

January 11 See **George Wadsworth's** Diary, Jan 11, 1861

South Carolina had seceded from the Union on Dec. 20, 1860. On December 26, 1860 Major Robert Anderson moved the Union troops into Fort Sumter. South Carolina protested to Washington but instead of withdrawing the Union troops, President Buchanan sent an unarmed merchant steamer, the *Star of the West,* with men and supplies to reinforce the Fort. On January 9, Charleston gunners fired upon her and she turned back.

Jan. 29 Kansas becomes 34th state admitted to the Union.

March 4 Abraham Lincoln of Illinois inaugurated President of the United States..

April 12 Confederate troops attack Fort Sumpter, South Carolina

April 13 Bombardment and surrender of Fort Sumpter.

April 15 Lincoln issued a call for 75,000 volunteers.

April 17 Virginia secedes from the Union.

April 19 Sixth Massachusetts Volunteers fired on by a mob while passing through Baltimore. Three men of the Sixth were killed and eight wounded.

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April 20 Seizure of Norfolk Navy Yard by Confederates.
General Butler declares fugitive slaves contraband of war.

May 6 Arkansas secedes from the Union.

May 20 North Carolina secedes from the Union.

May 21 Richmond, Virginia, was chosen as the Confederated capital.

June 8 Tennessee secedes from the Union

July 21 Northern troops retreated in disorder after first Battle of Bull Run (Manassas) Virginia

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A TABLE

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DAYS FROM ANY DAY IN THE MONTH TO THE SAME DAY IN ANY OTHER MONTH THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE YEAR.

	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
January	365	31	59	90	120	151	181	212	243	273	304	334
February	334	365	28	59	89	120	150	181	212	242	273	303
March	306	337	365	31	61	92	122	153	184	214	245	275
April	275	306	334	365	30	61	91	122	153	183	214	244
May	245	276	304	335	365	31	62	92	123	153	184	214
June	214	245	273	304	334	365	31	61	92	122	153	183
July	184	215	243	274	304	335	365	31	62	92	123	153
August	153	184	212	243	273	304	334	365	31	61	92	122
September	122	153	181	212	242	273	303	334	365	30	61	91
October	92	123	151	182	212	243	273	304	334	365	31	61
November	61	92	120	151	181	212	243	273	304	334	365	30
December	31	61	90	121	151	182	212	242	273	304	335	365

Explanation:—How many days are there from the 10th of January to the 10th of June? Look for January in the column on the left hand, then seek for June along the line to the right, and you will find the number of days to be 151.

George M. Wadsworth
South Braintree
Mass.

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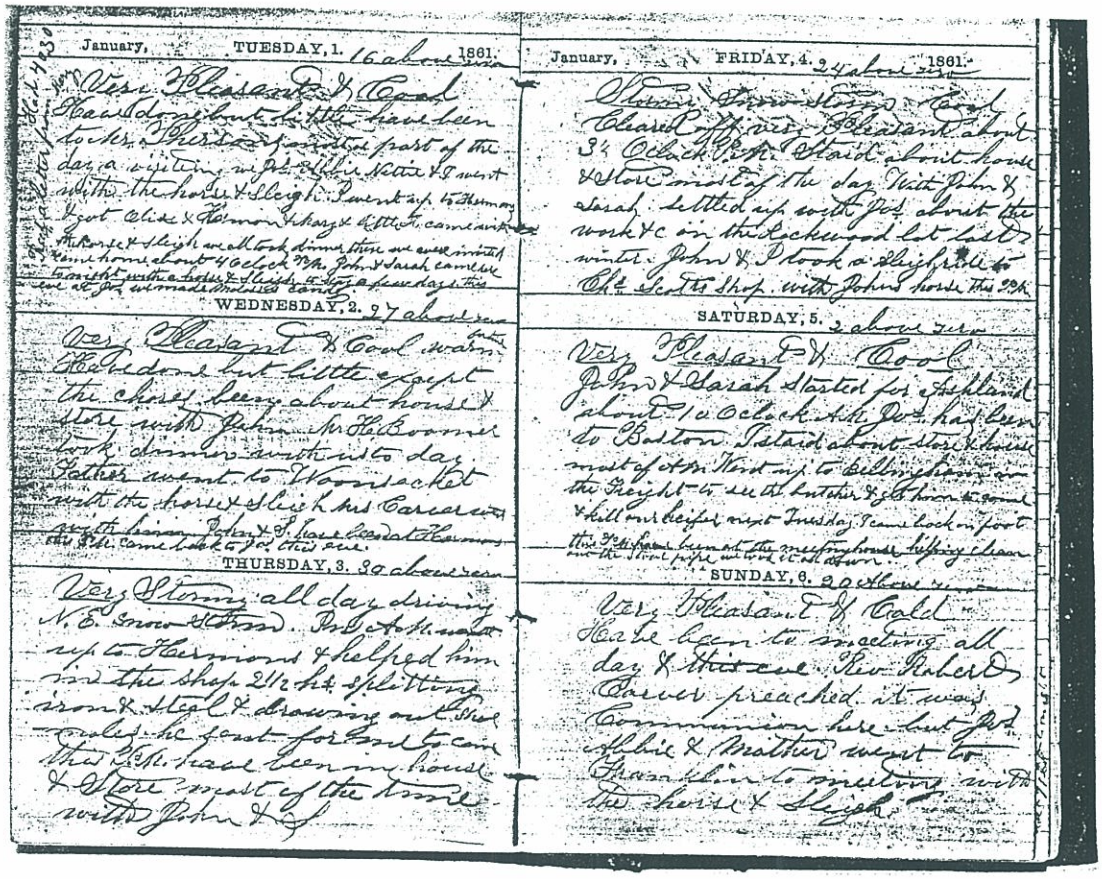


January TUESDAY 1 1861

16 above

Very Pleasant & Cool Have done but little. Have been to Mr. Phersons most or part of the day a visiting. We, Jos, Abbie, Nettie & I went with the horse & sleigh. I went up to Hermons & got Olive & Hermon & Mary & little A. came with the horse & sleigh. We all took dinner there . We were invited. Came home about 4 o'clock P.M. John & Sarah came here tonight with a horse & sleigh to stay a few days. This eve at Jos. we made molasses candy.
Had a letter from Mary Had 40.30

WEDNESDAY 2

27 above

Very pleasant & cool. Warm for time
Have done but little except the chores. Been about the house & store with John. Mr. H. Boomer took dinner with us to day. Father went to Woonsocket with the horse & sleigh. Mrs. Carver went with him. John & I have been at Hermons this P.M. Came back to Jos this eve.

THURSDAY 3

30 above

Very stormy all day driving N.E. snow storm. In the A.M. went up to Hermons & helped him in the shop 2 1/2 hours splitting iron & steel & drawing out shoe moles He sent for me to come this P.M. Have been in house & store most of the time with John & S.

January FRIDAY 4 1861

24 above

Stormy snow storm. Cool cleared off very pleasant about 3 1/2 o'clock P.M. Staid about house & store most of the day with John & Sarah. Settled up with Jos about the work & c on the Rockwood lot last winter. John & I took a sleigh ride to Ch. Scotts Shop with John's horse this P.M.

SATURDAY 5

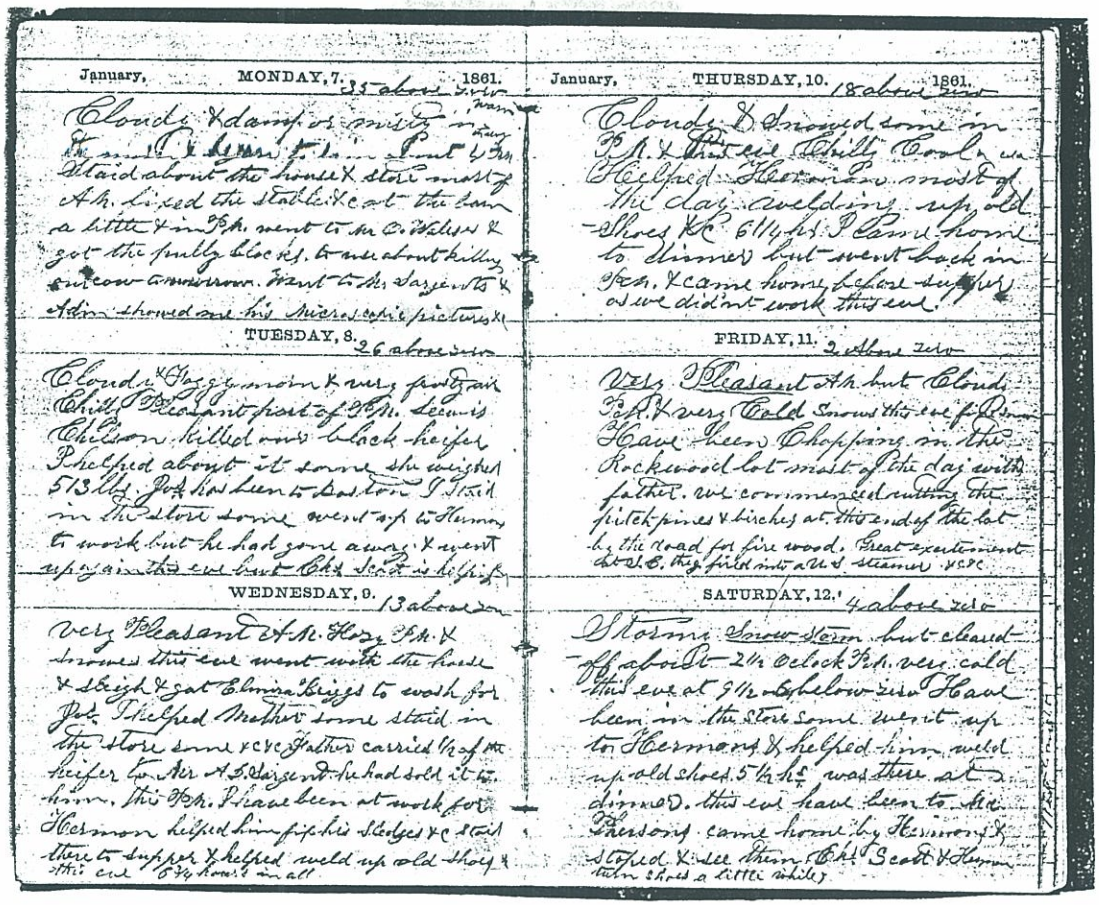
2 above zero

Very pleasant & cool. John & Sarah started for Ashland about 10 o'clock A.M. Jos had been to Boston. I staid about store and house most of the A.M. Went up to Bellingham in the Freight to see the butcher & get him to come & kill our heifer next Tuesday. I came back on foot this P.M. Have been at the meeting house helping clean out the stove pipe. We took it all down.

SUNDAY 6

20 above

Very pleasant & cold. Have been to meeting all day & this eve. Rev. Robert Carver preached. It was Communion here but Jos. Abbie & Mother went to Franklin to meeting with the horse & sleigh.



January, MONDAY, 7. 35 above zero 1861.

Cloudy & damp or misty in morn & began to rain about 4 P.M. Staid about the house & store most of A.M. Fixed the stable &c at the barn a little & in P.M. went to Mr O. Wales & got the pully blocks to use about killing our cow tomorrow. Went to Mr. Sargents & Adam showed me his microscopic pictures.

TUESDAY, 8. 26 above zero

Cloudy & foggy in morn & very frosty air chill. Pleasant part of P.M. Severs Chilson killed our black heifer. I helped about it some she weighed 513 lbs. Jos has been to Boston. I stayed in the store some went up to Hermans to work but he had gone away & went up again this eve but Chs Scott is helping.

WEDNESDAY, 9. 13 above zero

Very pleasant A.M. Hazy P.M. & snows this eve went with the horse & sleigh & got Almira Briggs to wash for Jos. I helped Mother some staid in the store some &c &c Father carried 1/2 of the heifer to Mr A. Sargent he had sold it to him. This P.M. I have been at work for Herman helped him fix his sledges &c staid there to supper & helped weld up old shoes this eve 6 3/4 hours in all

January, THURSDAY, 10. 18 above zero 1861.

Cloudy & snowed some in P.M. & this eve chilly Cool &c Helped Herman most of the day welding up old shoes &c 6 1/2 hrs I came home to dinner but went back in P.M. & came home before supper as we didn't work this eve.

FRIDAY, 11. 2 above zero

Very Pleasant A.M. but Cloudy P.M. & very Cold Snows this eve fine snow Have been Chopping in the Rockwood lot most of the day with father. we commenced rutting the pitch pines & birches at the end of the lot by the road for fire wood. Great excitement at S.C. they fired into a U.S. steamer &c &c

SATURDAY, 12. 4 above zero

Stormy Snow storm but cleared off about 2 1/2 o'clock P.M. very cold this eve at 9 1/2 o'clock 6 below zero Have been in the store some went up to Hermans & helped him weld up old shoes 5 1/2 hrs was there at dinner. this eve have been to Mr. Phersons. Came home by Hermans & stoped & see them. Chs. Scott & Hermon turn shoes a little while.

January MONDAY 7 1861

35 above zero

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WEDNESDAY 9

13 above

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January THURSDAY 10

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18 above zero

Cloudy & snowed some in P.M. & this eve chilly, cool. helped Herman most of the day welding up old shoes & c. 6 1/2 hrs. I came home to dinner. Went back in p.m. and came home before supper and we didn't work this eve.

FRIDAY 11

2 above zero

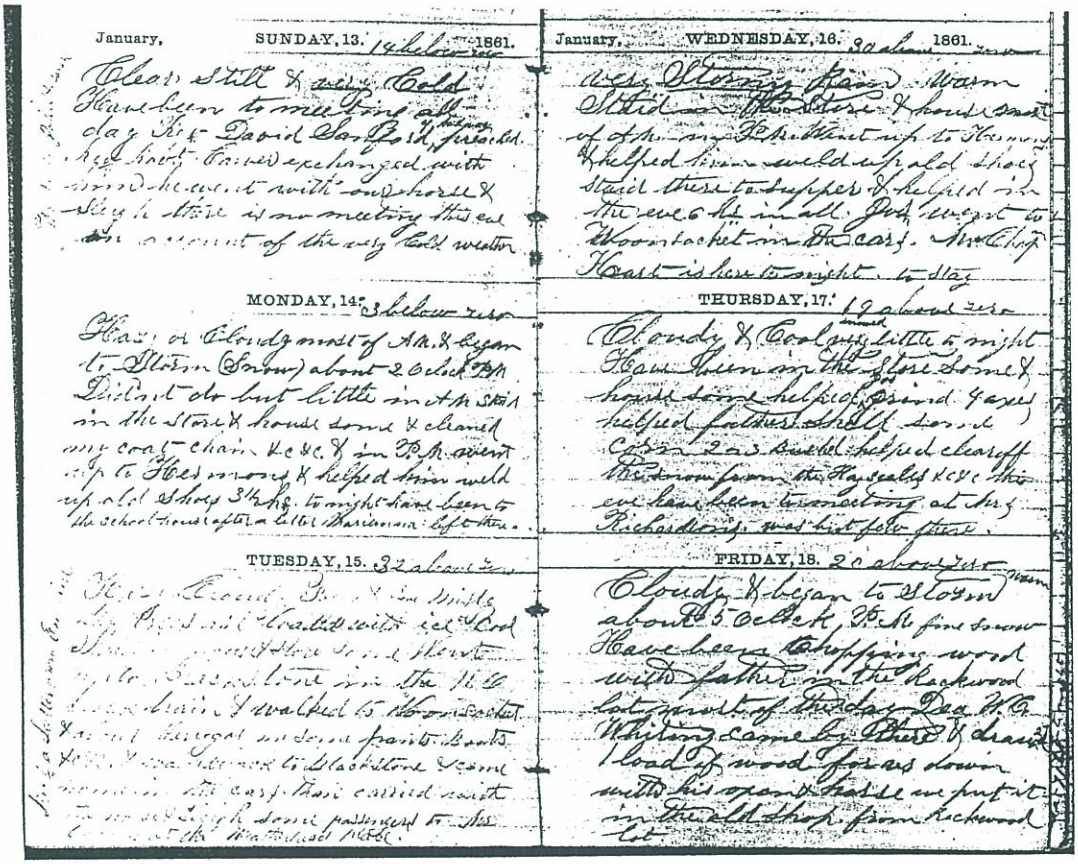
Very pleasant in a.m. but Cloudy p.m. and very cold. Snowed this eve fine snow. have been chopping in the Rockwood lot most of the day with father. We commenced rutting the pitch pines and birches at the end of the lot by the road for fire wood. Great excitement at S.C. they fired into a U.S. steamer* & c & c.

SATURDAY 12

4 above zero

Stormy snow storm but cleared off about 2 1/2 o'clock P.M. very cold. This eve at 9 1/2 o'clock 6 below zero. Have been in the store some/ Went up to Hermons & helped him weld up old shoes 5 1/2 hrs was there at dinner. This eve have been to Mr. Phersons. Came home by Hermons & stoped & see them. Chs. Scott & Hermon turned shoes a while.

*U.S. Merchant Steamer was called *Star of the West*
See note on Title page 1861 under Jan. 11, Wadsworth



January SUNDAY 13 1961

14 below zero

Clear still & very cold. Have been to meeting all day. Rev. David Sanford (of Medway) preached. Rev. Robt. Carver exchanged with him. He went with our horse & sleigh. There is no meeting this eve on account of the very cold weather.

Wrote to John & Sarah

MONDAY 14

3 below zero

Hazy or cloudy most of A.M. & began to storm (snow) about 2 o'clock P.M. Did'nt do but little in A.M. Staid in the store & house some & cleaned my coat chain & c & c. In P.M. went up to Hermons & helped him weld up old shoes 3 ½ hrs. To night have been to the school house after a letter Marianne left there.

TUESDAY 15

32 above zero

Hazy, cloudy, frosty. Some mist. The trees are loaded with ice. Cool. Staid in house & store some. Went up to Blackstone in the 11 o'clock train & walked to Woonsocket & about there. Got me some pants, boots & c & c., & walked back to Blackstone & came home in the cars. Than carried with the horse & sleigh some passengers to Mr. Cobbs at the Weatherhead place. *Rec. a letter from Emeline*

January WEDNESDAY 16 1861

30 above zero

Very stormy rain, warm. Staid in the store and house most of a.m. In p.m. went up to Hermons & helped him weld up old shoes. Staid there to supper & helped in the eve 6 hs in all. Jos. went to Woonsocket in the cars. Mr. Chap Hart is here to night to stay

THURSDAY 17

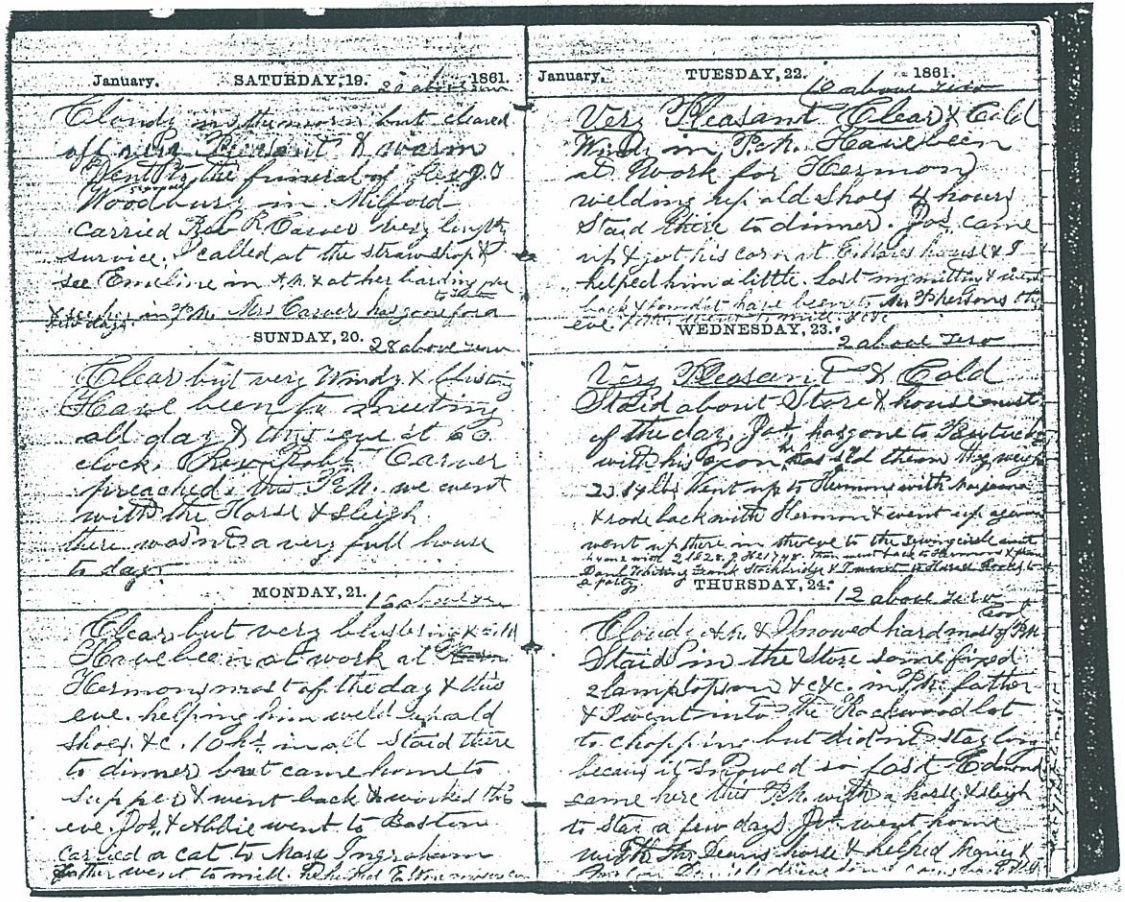
19 above zero

Cloudy and cool. Snowed very little tonight. Have been in the store some and house some. Helped Jos. Grind 4 axes. Helped Father shell some corn, 2 or 3 bushels. Helped clear off the snow from the hay scales & c & c. This eve, have been to meeting at Mrs. Richardson. Was but few there.

FRIDAY 18

20 above zero

Cloudy & began to storm about 5 o'clock P.M. Fine snow. Have been chopping wood with father in the Rockwood lot most of the day. Dea. W. C. Whiting came by there & drawed 1 load of wood for us down with his oxan & horse. We put it in the old shop from Rockwood lot



January SATURDAY 19 1861

20 above zero

Cloudy in the morn but cleared off very pleasant & warm. Went to the funeral of Rev. J.O Woodbury (58 yrs old) in Milford. Carried Rev. R. Carver. Very lengthy service. I called at the straw shop & see Emeline in A.M. & at her bording place & see her in P.M. Mrs. Carver has gone for a few days.

SUNDAY 20

28 above zero

Clear but very windy & blustering. Have been to meeting all day & this eve at 6 o'clock. Rev. Robert Carver preached this P.M. We went with the horse & sleigh. There was'nt a very full house to day.

MONDAY 21

16 above

Clear but very blustering & cold. Have been at work at Hermonds most of the day & this eve. helping him weld up old shoes & c. 10 hrs in all. Staid there to dinner but came home to supper & went back & worked this eve. Jos. & Abbie went to Boston. Carried a cat to Mary Ingraham. Father went to mill. He helped E. Ware ____?____.

January TUESDAY 22 1861

10 above zero

Very pleasant clear & cold. Windy in P.M. Have been at work for Hermon welding his old shoes 4 hours. Staid there to dinner. Jos came up & got his corn at E. Wares house & I helped him a little. Lost my mitting & went back & found it. Have been to Mr. Phersons this eve. Went to mill & c & c.

WEDNESDAY 23

2 above zero

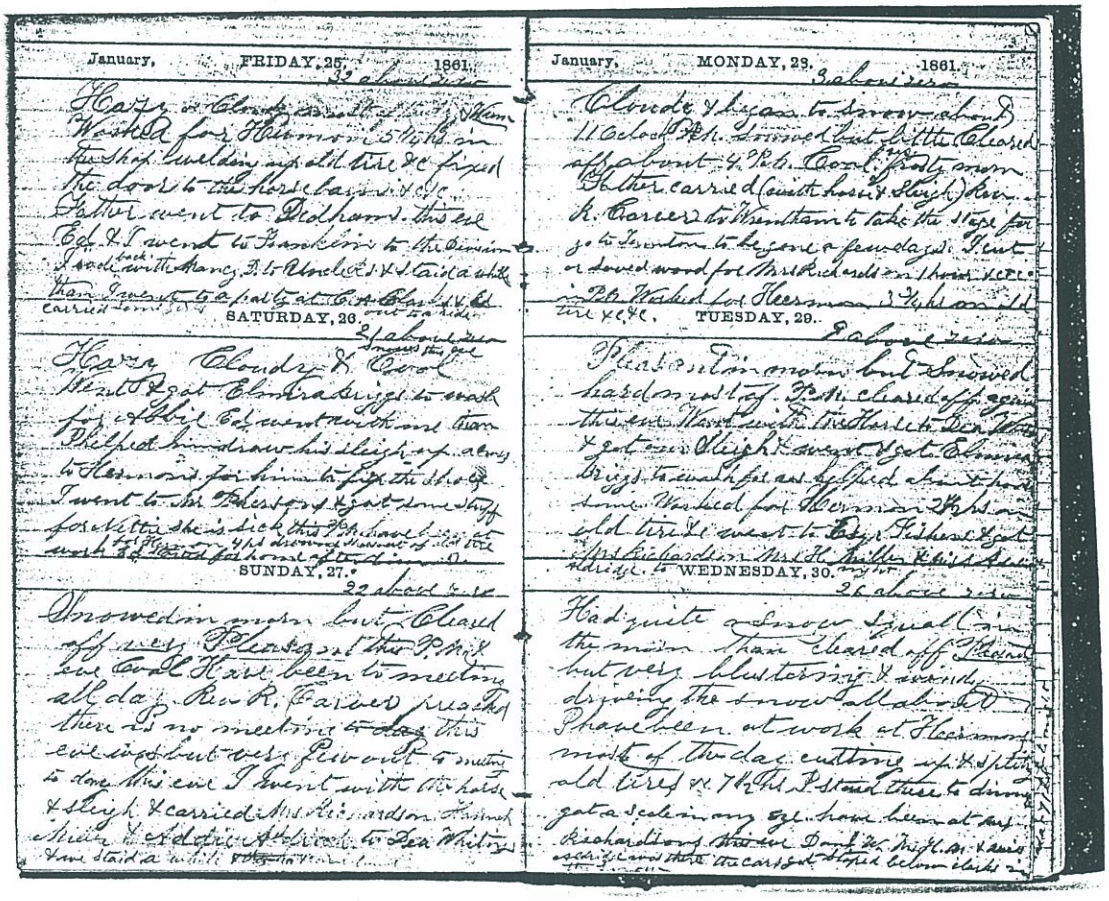
Very pleasant & cold. Staid about store & house most of the day. Jos has gone to Pawtucket with his oxan. He has sold them. They weighed 2314 lbs. Went up to Hermons with Marianne & rode back with Hermon & went up again. Went up there in the eve to the sewing circle.* went h 4 in 2 with 2 1 a 2 8. J. H. 2 1 7 4 8. Then went back to Hermons and then Danl Whiting. Frank Stockbridge & I went to Horace Cooks to a party.

** CODED MESSAGE – See last page in diary for code*

THURSDAY 24

12 above zero

Cloudy A.M. & snowed hard most of P.M.(cool) Staid in the store some fixed 2 lamp tops ___?___ & c & c in P.M. Father & I went into the Rockwood lot to chopping but did'nt. Stay long because it snowed so fast. Edmond came here this P.M. with a horse & sleigh to stay a few days. Jos. went home with Mr. Deans horse & helped Mancy & Mr. __?__Daniels drive some cows back __?_.



January FRIDAY 25 1861

32 above zero

Hazy or cloudy most of the day. Warm. Worked for Hermon 5 1/4 hrs in the shop welding up old tire & c. Fixed the door to the horse barn & c & c. Father went to Dedham. This eve Ed & I went to Franklin to the Division. I rode back with Mancy D. to Uncle R & staid a while. Than I went to a party at C.A. Clarks & I carried some girls out to a ride.

SATURDAY 26

21 above zero

snows this eve

Hazy cloudy & cool. Went & got Elmira Briggs to wash for Abbie. Ed went with me than I helped him draw his sleigh up across to Hermons for him to fix the shoes. I went to Mr. Phersons & got some stuff for Nettie. She is sick this P.M. Have been at work for Hermond 4 hrs drawing shoes our of old tire. Ed started for home after dinner.

SUNDAY 27

22 above zero

Snowed in morn but cleared off. Very pleasant this P.M. & eve cool. Have been to meeting all day. Rev. R. Carver preached. There is no meeting today. This eve was but very few out to meeting to day. This eve I went with the horse & sleigh & carried Mrs. Richardson, Hannah Miller & Addie Aldrich to Dea. Whitings & we staid a while.

January MONDAY 28 1861

3 above zero

Cloudy & began to snow about 11 o'clock A.M. Snowed but little. Cleared off about 4 P.M. Cool & frosty morn. Father carried (with horse & sleigh) Rev. R. Carver to Wrentham to take the stage to go to Taunton. To be gone a few days. I cut or sawed wood for Mrs. Richardson 1 hour & c & c. In P.M. worked for Hermon 3 3/4 hrs on old tire & c & c.

TUESDAY 29

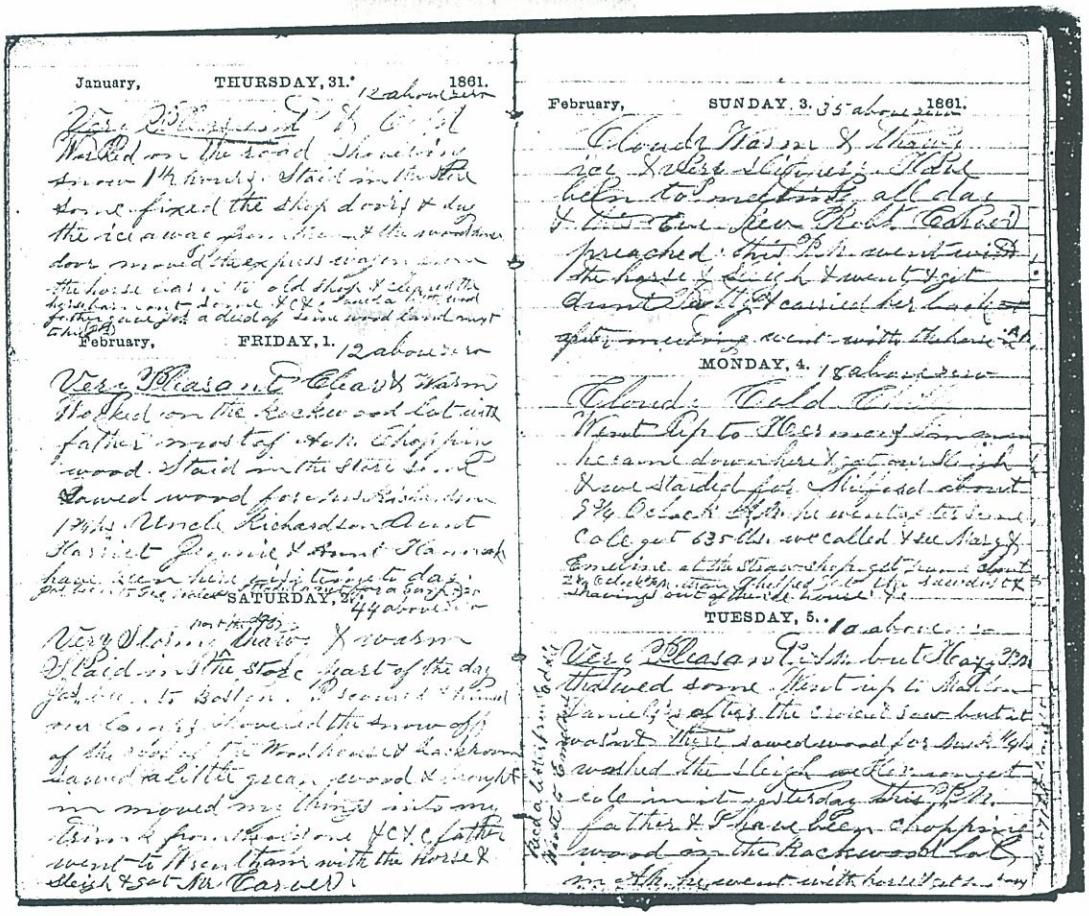
9 above zero

Pleasant in morn but snowed hard most of P.M. Cleared off again this eve. Went with the horse to Dea. Whiting & got our sleigh & went & got Elmira Briggs to wash for us. Helped about house some. Worked for Hermon 2 1/2 hrs in old tire & c. Went to Esqr. Fishers & got Mrs. Richardson. Mrs. H. Miller & Miss Adaline Aldridge to night.

WEDNESDAY 30

26 above zero

Had quite a snow squall in the morn. Than cleared off. Pleasant but very blustery & windy driving the snow all about. I have been at work at Hermonds most of the day cutting up & splitting old ties & c. 7 1/2 hrs. I staid there to dinner. Got a ___?__ in my eye. Have been at Mrs. Richardson this eve. Danl W., Mrs. H. M. & Mrs. Aldrich was there. The cars got stoped below Clarks in the snow.



January THURSDAY 31 1861

12 above zero

Very pleasant & cold. Worked on the road shoveling snow 1 1/2 hors. Staid in the store some. Fixed the shop doors & dug the ice away from there & the wood house door. Moved the express wagon from the horse barn to old shop & cleared the horse barn out some & c & c. Sawed a little wood. Father gave Jos. a deed of some wood land my & to his (Jos.)

February FRIDAY 1

12 above zero

Very pleasant clear & warm. Worked on the Rockwood lot with father most of A.M. chopping wood. Staid in the store some. Sawed wood for Mrs. Richardson 1 3/4 hrs. Uncle Richardson, Aunt Harriet, Jennie & Aunt Hannah have been here visiting to day. Jos. been to Geo. Wales. I traded a net for a saw & .25.

SATURDAY 2

44 above zero

Very stormy (most of the day) thawy & warm. Staid in the store part of the day. Jos been to Boston. I scoured & trimed our lamps, shoveled the snow off of the roof of the wood house & back room, sawed a little green wood & brought in.
Moved my things into my trunk from the old one & c & c. Father went to Wrentham with the horse & sleigh & got Mr. Carver.

February SUNDAY 3 1861

35 above zero

Cloudy warm & thawy ice & very slippery. Have been to meeting all day & this eve. Rev. Robert Carver preached this P.M. Went with the horse & sleigh & went & got Aunt Polly & carried her back after meeting. Went with the horse in A.M..

MONDAY 4

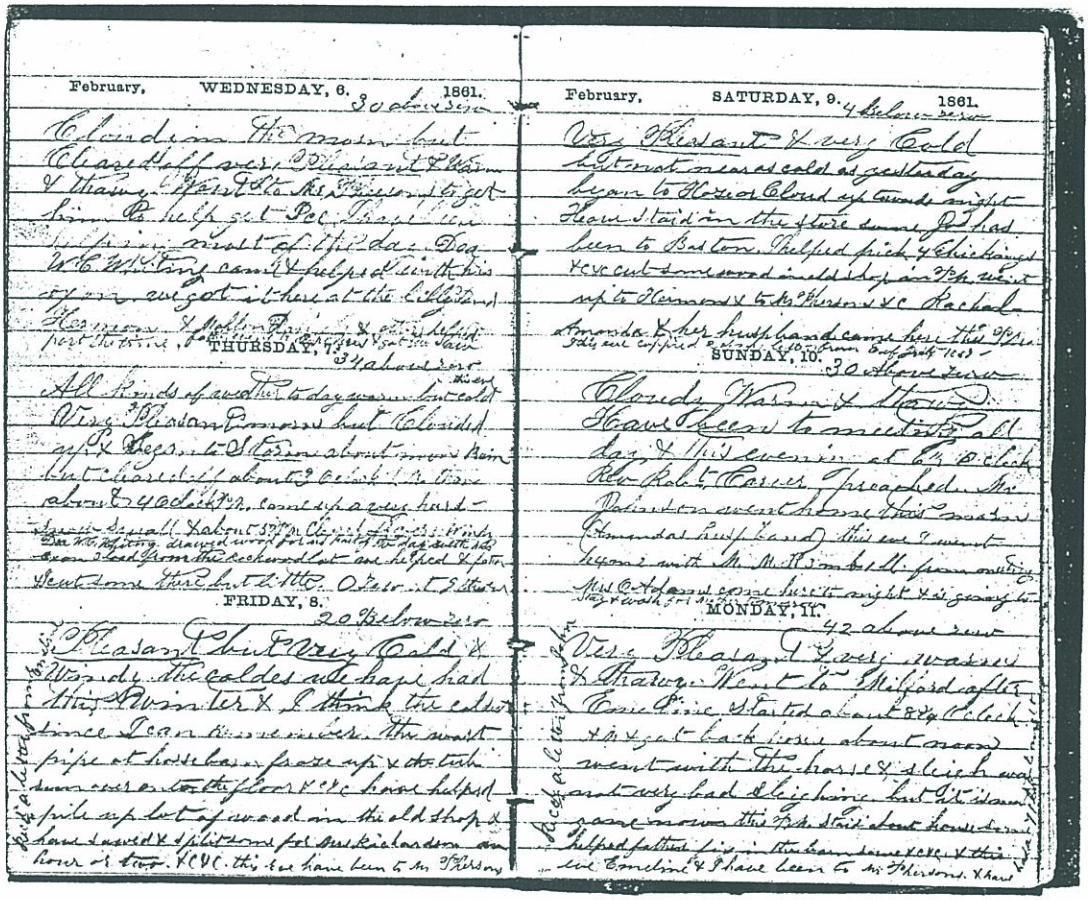
18 above zero

Cloudy cold chilly. Went up to Hermons in __?__ He came down here & got our sleigh & we started for Milford about 9 3/4 o'clock A.M. He went after some cole. Got 635 lbs. We called & see Mary & Emeline at the straw shop. Got home about 2 1/4 o'clock __?__ I helped get the saw dust & shavings out of the ice house & c.

TUESDAY 5

10 above zero

Very pleasant A.M. but hazy P.M. Thawed some. Went up to Marilou Daniels'es after the croscut saw but it was'nt there. Sawed wood for Mrs. R. 1 1/4 hrs. Washed the sleigh. Hermon got __?__ in it yesterday. This P.M. father & I have been chopping wood in the Rockwood lot. In A.M., he went with horse & got some __?__ to cart ice with.



February WEDNESDAY 6 1861

30 above zero

Cloudy in the morn but cleared off . Very pleasant & warm & thawy. Went to Mr. Phersons to get him to help get Ice. I have been helping most of the day. Dea. W. C. Whiting came & helped with his oxen. We got it here at the Lilly pond. Hermon & __?__Daniels & others helped part the time. Father went to __?__ & got the straw.

THURSDAY 7

34 above zero

All kinds of weather to day, warm but cold (this eve). Very pleasant morn but clouded up & began to storm about noon. Rain but cleared off about 3 o'clock P.M. Than about 4 o'clock P.M. came up a very hard snow squall & about 5 P.M. cleared off, very windy. Dea. W.C. Whiting drawed wood for us part of the day with his oxen. 3 load from the Rockwood lot. We helped & father & I cut some there, but little. O zero at 9 this eve.

FRIDAY 8

20 below zero

Pleasant but very cold & windy. The coldest we have had this winter & I think the coldest since I can remember. The wast pipe at horse barn froze up & the tub run over onto the floor & c &c. Have helped pile up lot of wood in the old shop & have sawed & split some for Mrs. Richardson an hour or two & c. This eve have been to Mr. Phersons

Rec. a letter from Emeline.

February SATURDAY 9 1861

4 below zero

Very pleasant & very cold but not near as cold as yesterday. Began to Haze or cloud up towards night. Have staid in the store some. Jos has been to Boston. I helped pick 4 chickings & c & c. Cut some wood in old shop in P.M. Went up to Hermons & to Mr. Phersons & c. Rachael, Amanda & her husband came here this P.M. This eve coppied 2 of my letters from E of __?__.

SUNDAY 10

30 above zero

Cloudy warm & thawy. Have been to meeting all day & this evening at 6 1/2 o'clock. Rev. Robert Carver preached. Mr. Johnson went home this morn (Amandas husband). This eve I went home with * M.M.H. 3 m b 1 ll from meeting. Mrs. O. Adams came here to night & is going to stay & wash for mother tomorrow.

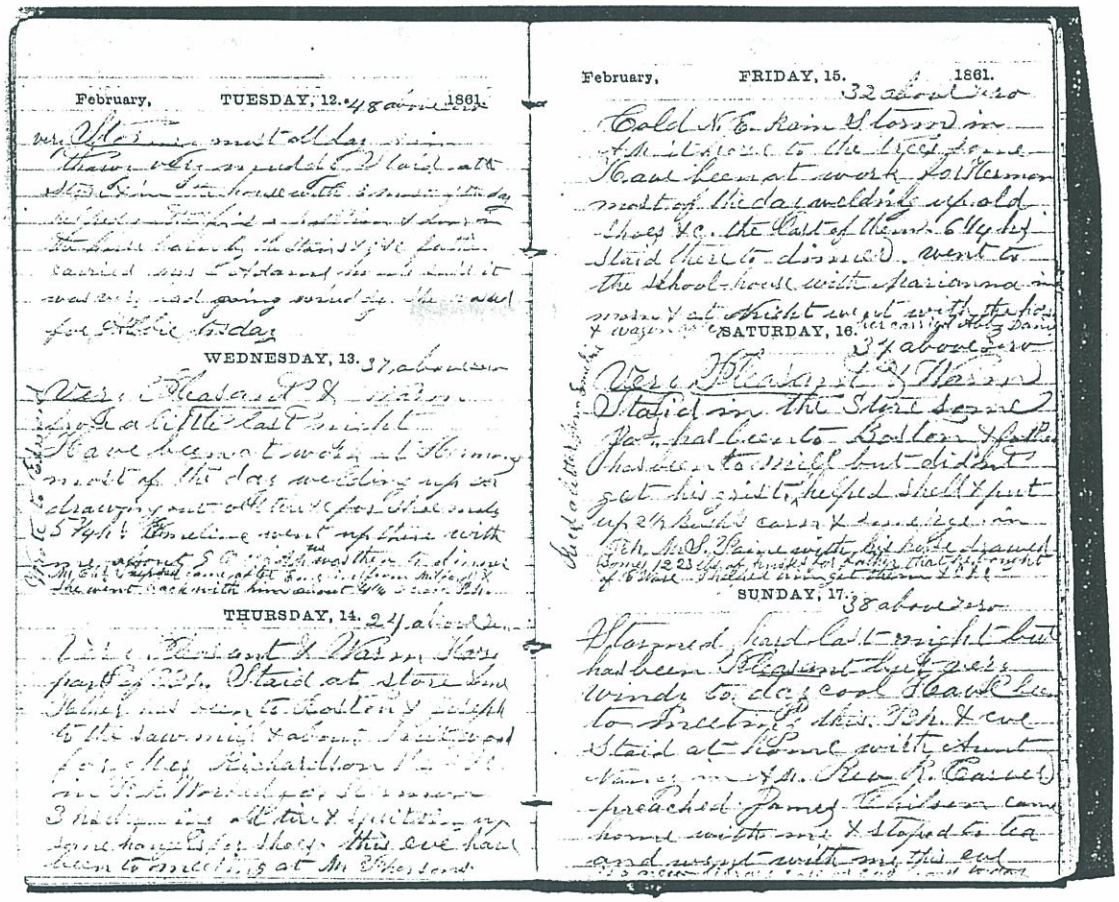
**CODED MESSAGE- see back of 1861 diary for code*

MONDAY 11

42 above zero

Very pleasant & very warm & thawy. Went to Milford after Emeline. Started about 8 3/4 o'clock A.M. & got back home about noon. Went with the horse & sleigh. Was not very bad sleighing but it is most game now this P.M. Staid about the house some. Helped father fix in the barn some & c& c & this eve Emeline & I have been to Mr. Phersons & have had a __?__ tonight.

<u>Recd a letter from John</u>



February TUESDAY 12 1861
48 above zero
Very stormy most all day. Rain thawy, very muddy. Staid at store & in the house with E. most of the day. Helped father fix a partition & door in the horse barn by the stairs & c & c. Father carried Mrs. O. Adams home, said it was very bad going, muddy. She washed for Abbie to day.

WEDNESDAY 13
37 above zero
Very pleasant & warm. Frose a little last night. Have been at work at Hermons most of the day welding up and drawing out old tire & c. for shoe mals 5 3/4 hrs. Emeline went up there with me about 9 o'clock A.M.. We was there to dinner. Mr. Chs. Shepard came after Emeline (from Milford) & she went back with him about 4 1/4 o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY 14
24 above
Very pleasant & warm, hazy part of P.M. Staid at store some. Father has been to Boston & Joseph to the saw mill & about. I cut wood for Mrs. Richardson 1 1/2 hs & c. in P.M. Worked for Hermon 3 hrs drawing old tire & spliting up some hangers for shoes. This eve have been to meeting at Mr. Phersons.

February FRIDAY 15 1861
32 above zero
Cold N.E. rain storm in A.M. It frose to the trees some. Have been at work for Hermon most of the day welding up old shoes & c.. the last of them. 6 1/4 hrs. Staid there to dinner. Went to the Scholl-house with Marianne in morn & at night went with the horse & wagon after her. Carried Abby Daniels.

SATURDAY 16
34 above zero
Very pleasant & warm. Staid in the store some. Jos. has been to Boston & father has been to mill but did'nt get his grist. I helped shell & put up 2 1/2 bushls corn & some rye in P.M. Mr. S. Paine with his horse drawed some 1223 lbs of husks for father that he bought of E. Ware. I helped him get them & c & c.
Recd a letter from Emeline

SUNDAY 17
38 above zero
Stormed hard last night, cut has been pleasant but Very windy to day, cool. Have been to meeting this P.M. & eve. Staid at home with Aunt Nancy in A.M. Rev. R. Carvel preached. James Chilson* came home with me & stoped to tea and went with me this eve. Is a new library case or cupboard today.

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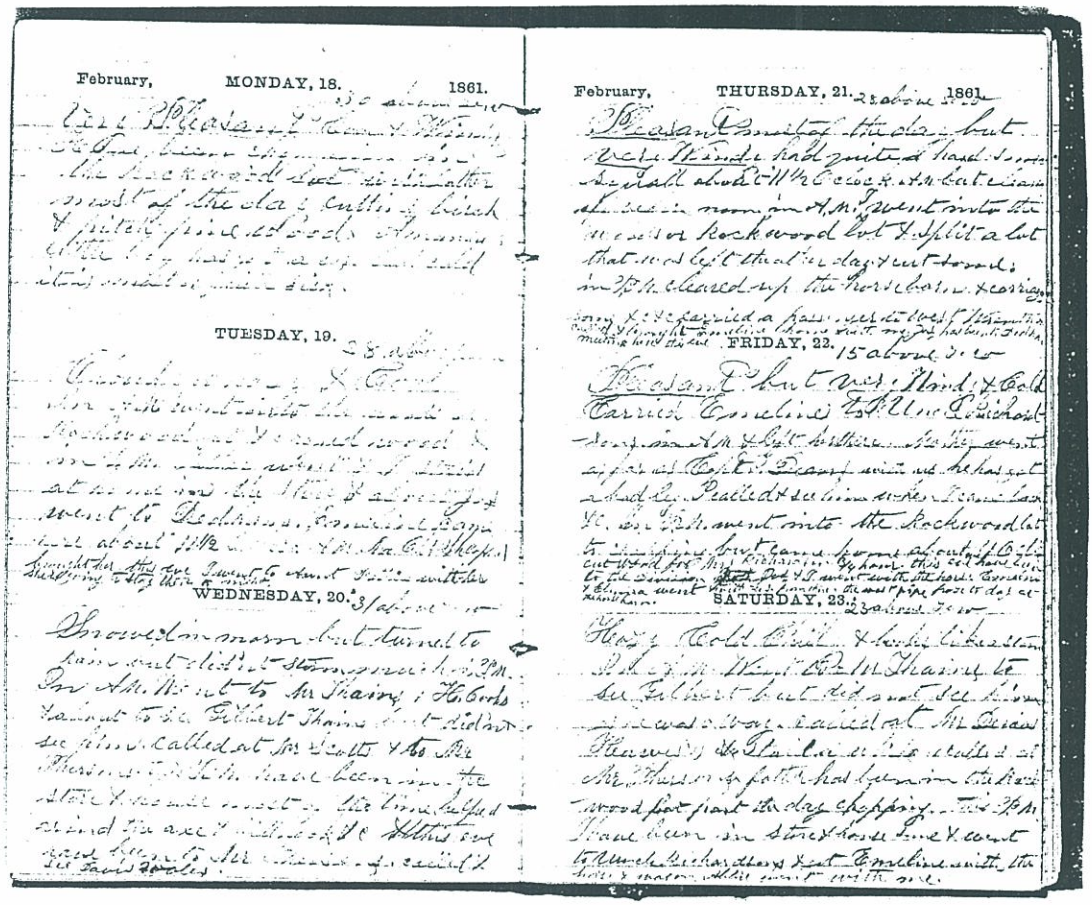


February MONDAY 18 1861

30 above zero

Very pleasant Cool & windy. Have been chopping in the Rockwood lot with father most of the day cutting birch & pitch pine wood. Amandas little boy has got a very bad cold. It is most __?__ quite sick.

TUESDAY 19

28 above zero

Cloudy or hazy & cool. In A.M. went into the woods on Rockwood lot & choped wood & in P.M. Father went & I staid at home in the store & about. Jos. went to Dedham. Emeline came here about 11 1/2 o'clock A.M. Mr. Chs.Shepard brought her this eve. I went to Aunt Patties with her. She's going to stay there to night.

WEDNESDAY 20

31 above zero

Snowed in morn but turned to rain but did'nt storm much in P.M. In A.M. went to Mr. Thains & H. Cooks & about to see Gilbert Thains but did'nt see him. Called at Mr. Scotts & to Mr. Phersons this P.M. Have been in the store & house most of the time. Helped grind the axe & bail hook & c. At this eve have been to Mr. Phersons. Called & see Davis Wales.

February THURSDAY 21 1861

28 above zero

Pleasant most of the day but very windy. Had quite a hard snow squall about 11 1/2 o'clock A.M. but cleared off before noon in A.M. Went into the woods or Rockwood lot & split a lot that was left the other day & cut some. In P.M. cleared up the horse barn & carriage some & c& c. Carried a passenger to West Wrentham. Called & brought Emeline home with me. Jos has been to Dedham. Meeting here this eve.

FRIDAY 22

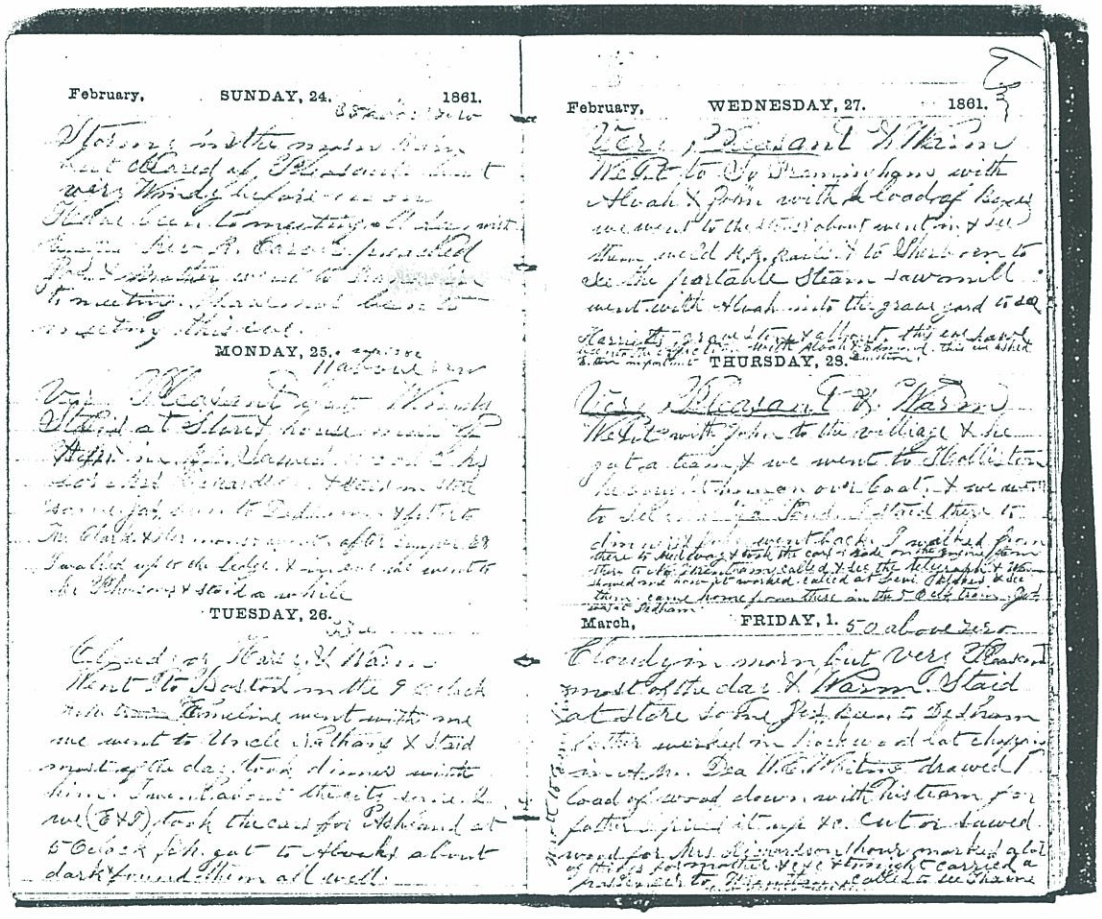
15 above zero

Pleasant but very windy & cool. Carried Emeline to Uncle Richarson in A.M. & left her there. Mother went as far as Capt. P. Deans with us. He has got a bad leg. I called & see him when I came back & c. In P.M. went into the Rockwood lot to chopping but came home about 4 o'clock. Cut wood for Mrs. Richardson 3/4 hour. This eve have been to the division. Jos. & I went with the horse. Emeline & Elmira went with us from there. The wast pipe frose to day at the horse barn.

THURSDAY 23

23 above zero

Hazy cold chilly & looks like a storm. In A.M. went to Mr. Thains to see Gilbert but did not see him as he was away. Called at Mr. Derais Hawes's. Staid a while. Called at Mr. Phersons. Father has been in the Rockwood lot part the day chopping this P.M. I have been in store & house some & went to Uncle Richardson & got Emeline with the horse & wagon. Abbie went with me.



February SUNDAY 24 1861

38 above zero

Stormy in the morn. Rain but cleared of. Pleasant but very windy before noon. Have been to meeting all day with Emeline. Rev. R. Carver preached. Jos & mother went to Franklin to meeting. I have not been to meeting this eve.

MONDAY 25

11 above zero

Very pleasant but windy. Staid at store & house most of A.M. In P.M. sawed wood 2 1/2 hrs for Mrs. Richardson & staid in store some. Jos. been to Dedham & father to Mr. Clark & Hermons & about. After supper E & I walked up to the ledge & in eve we went to Mr. Phersons & staid a while.

TUESDAY 26

33 above zero

Cloudy or Hazy & warm. Went to Boston in the 9 o'clock A.M. train. Emeline went with me. We went to Uncle Nathans & staid most of the day. Took dinner with him. I went about the city some & we (E & I) took the cars for Ashland at 5 o'clock P.M. Got to Alvahs about dark & found them all well.

February WEDNESDAY 27 1861

Very pleasant & warm. Went to S. Framingham with Alvah & John with a load of boxes. We went to the stores & about. Went in & see them weld R.R. rails & to Sherborn to see the portable steam saw mill. Went with Alvah into the grave yard to see Harriets grave stone & about. This eve have been to the Auction with Alvah & Edmond. This eve asked E. a very important question.

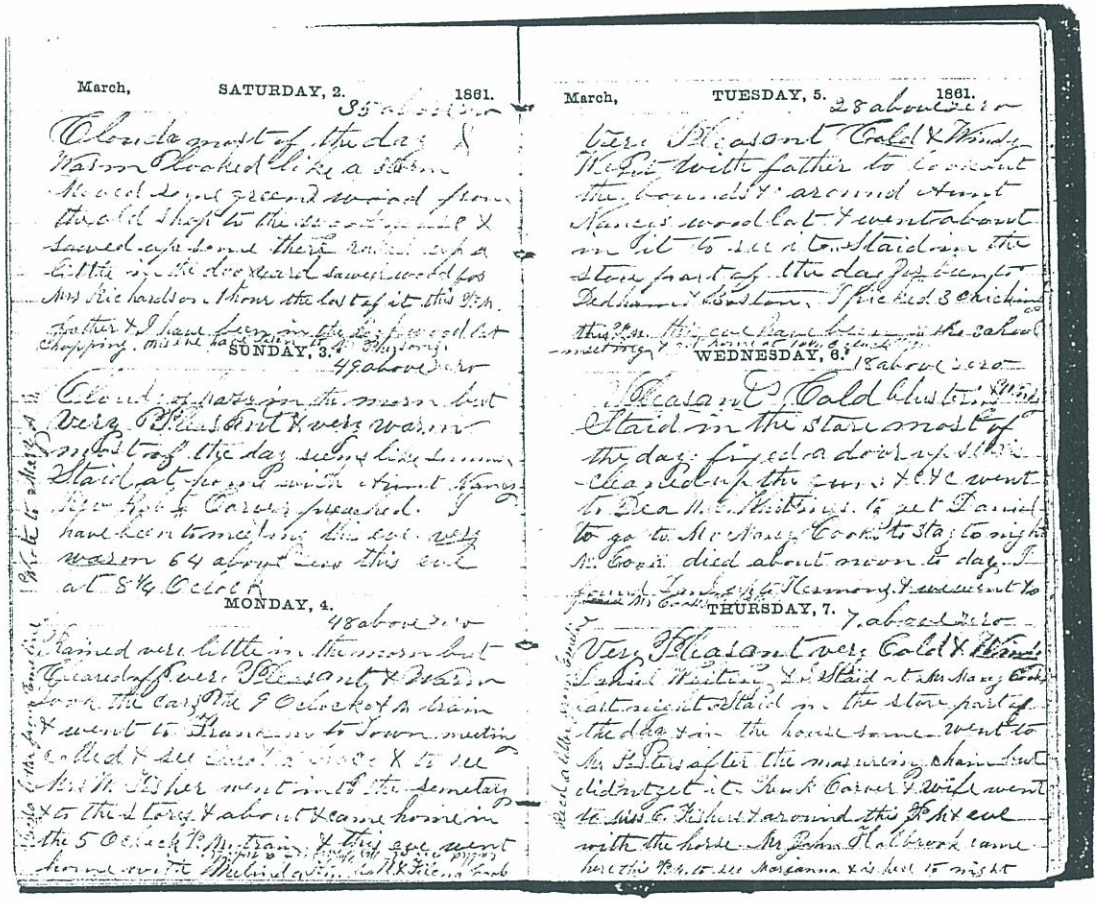
THURSDAY 28

Very pleasant & warm. Went with John to the village & he got a team & we went to Holliston. He bought him an over coat & we went to see Martha Pond. I staid there to dinner & John went back. I walked from there to Medway & took the cars & rode on the engine from there to N. Wrentham. Called & see the telegraph & wiring. Showed me how it worked. Called at Levi Blakes and see them. Came home from there in the 5 o'clock train. Jos was at Dedham.

March FRIDAY 1

50 above zero

Cloudy in morn but very pleasant most of the day & warm. Staid at store some. Jos been to Dedham. Father worked in Rockwood lot chopping in A.M. Dea. W. C. Whiting drawed 1 load of wood down with his team for father. I piled it up & c. Cut or sawed wood for Mrs. Richardson 1 hour. Marked a lot of things for mother & c. & tonight carried a passenger to Wrentham. Called to see Thains but did not see him.



March SATURDAY 2 1861

35 above zero

Cloudy most of the day & warm. Looked like a storm. Moved some green wood from the old shop to the wood house & sawed up some there. Raked up a little in the door yard. Sawed wood for Mrs. Richardson 1 hour, the last of it. This P.M. father & I have been in the Rockwood lot chopping . This eve have been to Mr. Phersons.

SUNDAY 3

49 above zero

Cloudy or hazy in the morn but very pleasant & very warm most of the day. Seems like summer. Staid at home with Aunt Nancy. Rev. Robt. Carver preached. I have been to meeting this eve. Very warm 64 above zero this eve at 8 1/4 o'clock.

Wrote to Mary A.M.

MONDAY 4

48 above zero

Rained very little in the morn but cleared off very pleasant & warm. Took the cars, the 9o'clock A.M. train & went to Franklin to Town meeting. Called & see Dorotha Tracy & to see Mrs. W. Fisher. Went into the cemetary & to the store & about & came home in the 5 o'clock train & this eve went home with Melinda Kimball & Felina Cook

called in at Mr. Phersons a while.

Recd a letter from Emeline

March TUESDAY 5 1861

28 above zero

Very pleasant Cold & Windy. Went with father to look out the bounds & around Aunt Nancy's wood lot & went about in it to see it. Staid in the store part of the day. Jos. been to Dedham & Boston. I picked 3 chickings this P.M. This eve have been to the school meeting & got home at 10 1/4 o'clock P.M.

WEDNESDAY 6

18 above zero

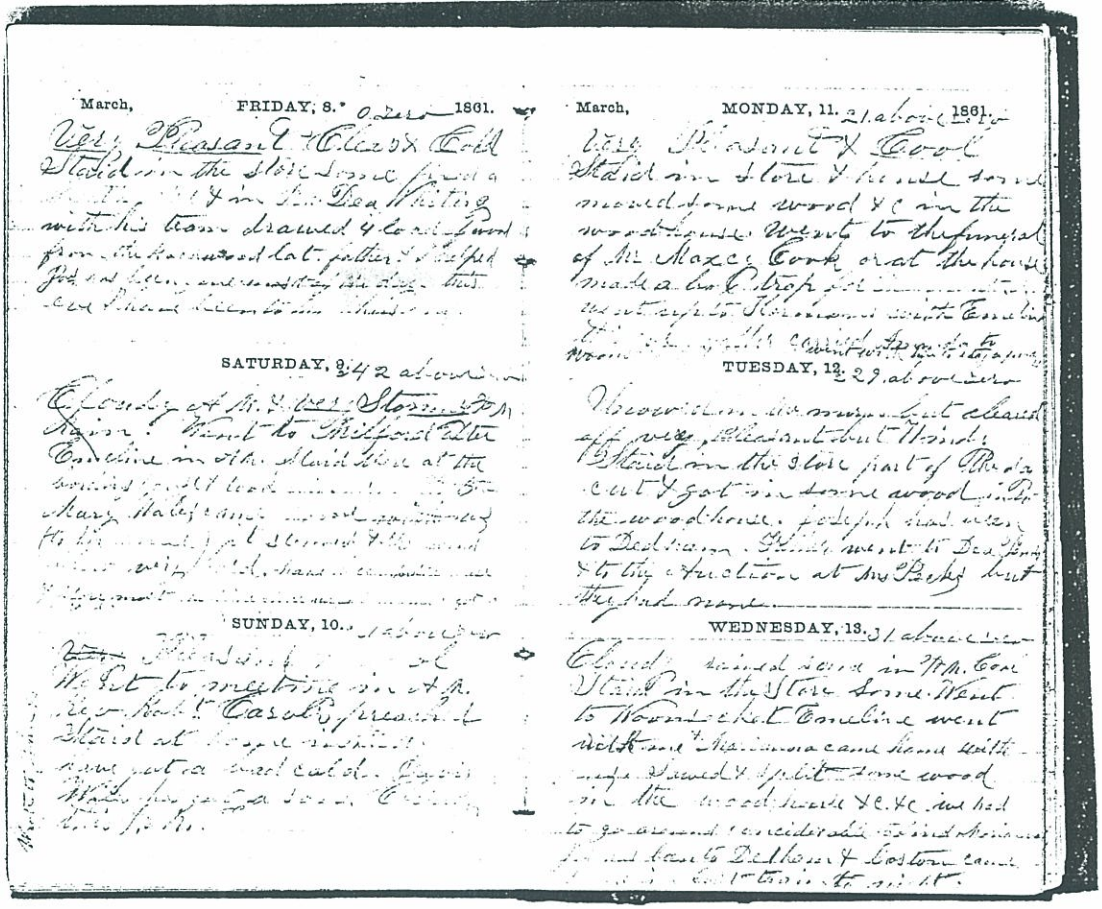
Pleasant Cold blustering & windy. Staid in the store most of the day. Fixed a door up stairs. Cleaned up the gun & c& c. Went to Dea. W.C. Whitings to get Daniel to go to Mr. Mancy Cooks to stay to night. Mr. Cook died about noon today. I found Daniel up to Hermonds & we went to Mr. Cooks to stay.

THURSDAY 7

7 above zero

Very pleasant very cold & windy. Daniel Whiting & I staid at Mr. Mancy Cooks last night. Staid in the store part of the day & in the house some. Went to Mr. Fosters after the measuring chain but did'nt get it. Rev R. Carver & wife went to Miss C. Fishers & around this P.M. & eve with the horse. Mr. John Holbrook came here this P.M. to see Marianne & is here to night.

Recd a letter from Emeline



March FRIDAY 8 1861

0 zero

Very pleasant clear & cold. Staid in the store some. Fixed a beetle & c & c & in P.M. Dea. Whiting with his team drawed 4 loads of wood from the Rockwood lot. Father & I helped. Jos. Has been gone most of the day. This eve I have been to Mr. Phersons.

SATURDAY 9

42 above zero

Cloudy A.M. & very stormy P.M. Rain. Went to Milford after Emeline in A.M. Staid there at the bording house & took dinner with them. Mary Wales came home with us. (to her home) It stormed & wind blew very hard. Have been in the house & store most the time since we got home. Got a bad cold.

SUNDAY 10

31 above zero

Pleasant & cool. Went to meeting in A.M. Rev. Robt. Carver preached. Staid at home in P.M. Have got a bad cold. Davis Wales has got a son. Cloudy this P.M.

Wrote to John & S.

March MONDAY 11 1861

21 above zero

Very pleasant & cool. Staid in store & house some. Moved some wood & c in the wood house. Went to the funeral of Mr. Mancy Cook or at the house. Made a box trap for Freemont R. Went up to Hermons with Emeline. This eve father carried Amanda to Woonsocket & Marianne went with him to stay a friend.

TUESDAY 12

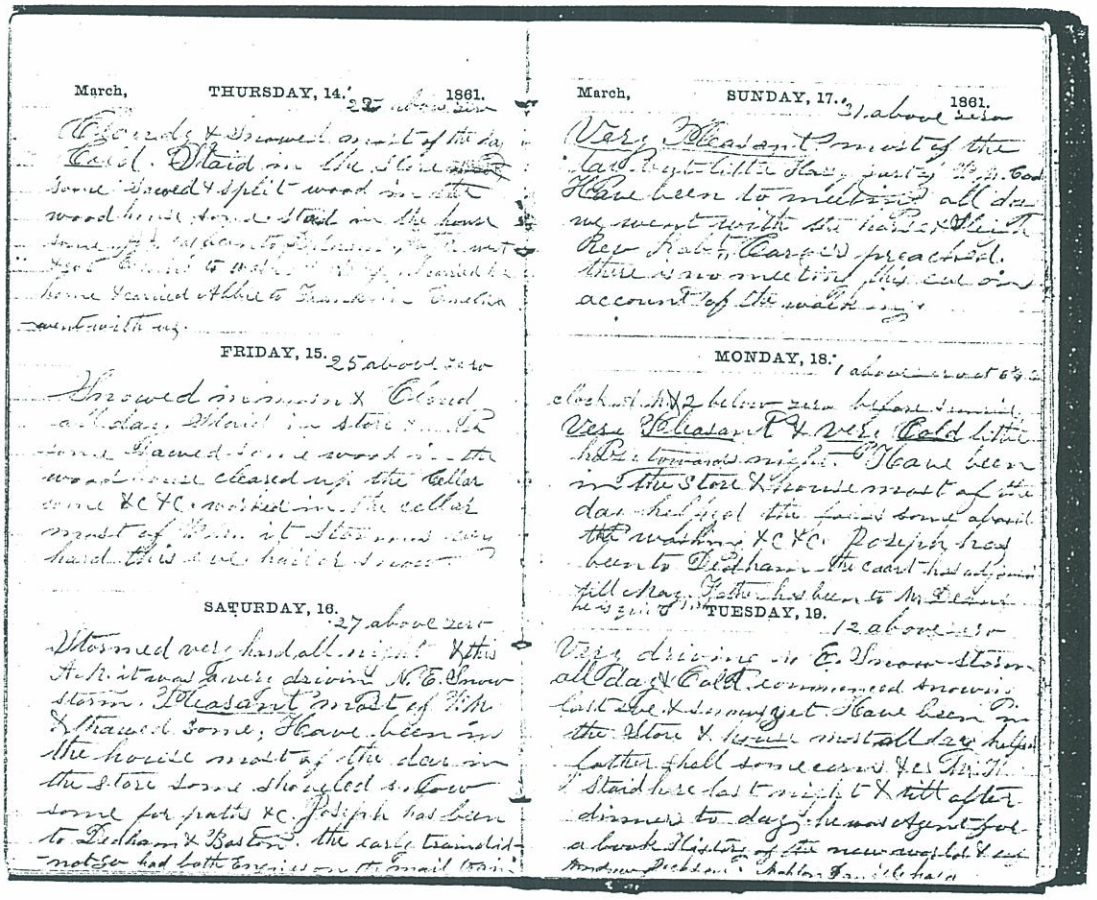
29 above zero

Snowed in the morn but cleared off. Very Pleasant but windy. Staid in the store part of the day. Cut & got in some wood into the wood house. Joseph has been to Dedham. Father went to Dea. Ponds & to the Auction at Mrs. Pecks but they had none.

WEDNESDAY 13

31 above zero

Cloudy, rained some in P.A. Cool. Staid in the store some. Went to Woonsocket. Emeline went with me & Marianne came home with us. Sawed & split some wood in the wood house & c & c. We has to go around considerable to find Marianne. Jos. has been to Dedham & Boston. Came home in last train to night.



March THURSDAY 14 1861

22 above zero

Cloudy & snowed most of the day. Cold. Staid in the store some. Sawed & split wood in the wood house some. Staid in the house some. Jos. has been to Dedham. Father went & got Elmira to wash for Abbie. I carried her home & carried Abbie to Franklin. Emeline went with us.

FRIDAY 15

25 above zero

Snowed in morn & cloudy all day. Staid in store & house some. Sawed some wood in the wood house. Cleared up the cellar some & c & c. Worked in the cellar most of P.M. It stormed very hard this eve. Hail or snow.

SATURDAY 16

27 above zero

Stormed very hard all night & this A.M. It was a very driving N.E. snow storm. Pleasant most of P.M. & thawed some. Have been in the house most of the day. In the store some.
Shoveled snow some for paths & c. Joseph has been to Dedham & Boston. The early train did not go. Had both engines on the mail train.

March SUNDAY 17 1861

31 above zero

Very pleasant most of the day but little hazy part of P.M. Cool. Have been to meeting all day. We went with the horse & sleigh. Rev. Robt. Carver preached. There is no meeting this eve on account of the walking.

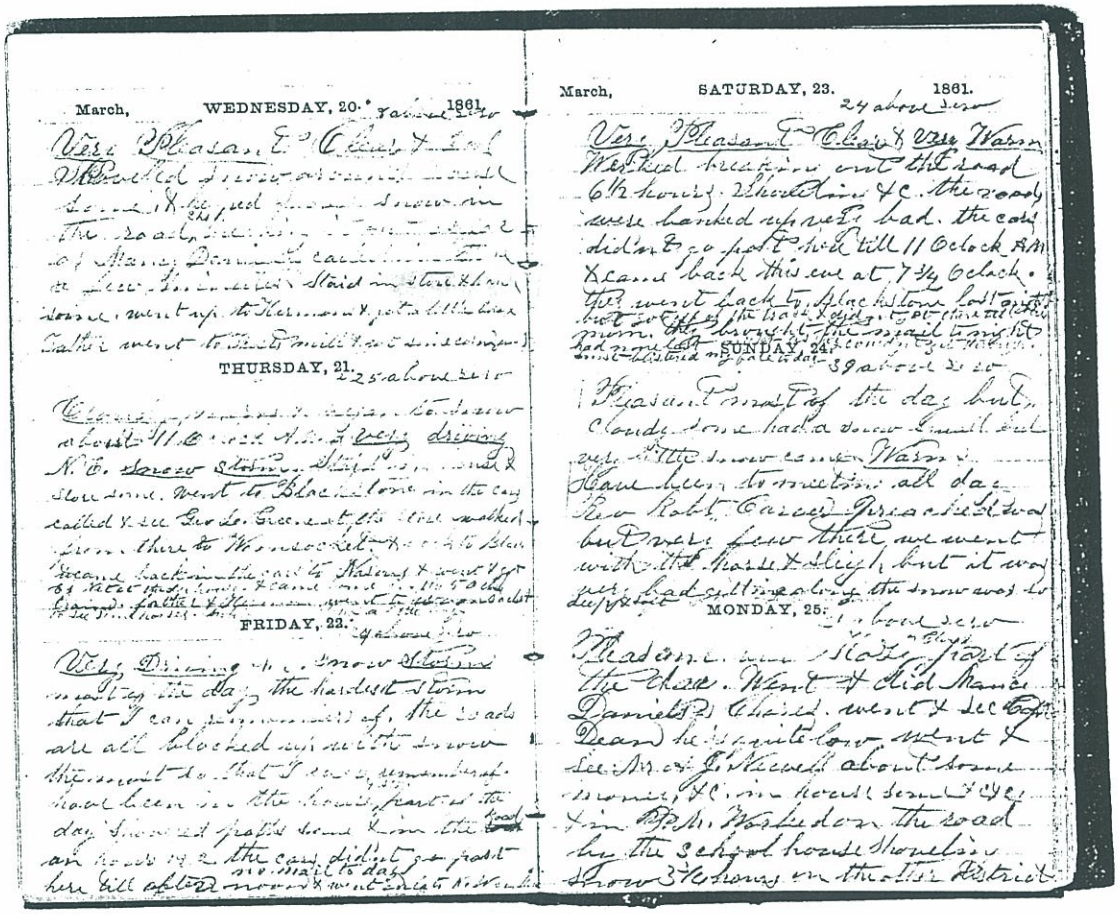
MONDAY 18

1 above zero at 6 3/4 o'clock A.M. & 2 below zero before sunrise. Very pleasant & very cold, little hazy towards night. Have been in the store & house most of the day. Helped the folks some about the washing & c & c. Joseph has been to Dedham. The court has adjourned till May. Father has been to Mr. Deans. He is __?__.

TUESDAY 19

12 above zero

Very driving N.E. snowstorm all day & cold. Commenced snowing last eve & snows yet. Have been in the store & house most all day. Helped father shell some corn & c. Mr. H staid here last night & till after dinner. To day he was Agent for a book "History of the new world" & 1 of Andrew Jackson. Mahlon Daniels has a *(sentence not finished)*



March WEDNESDAY 20 1861

8 above zero

Very pleasant clear & cool. Shoveled snow around house some & helped shovel snow in the road (2 hrs) breaking it out as far as Mancy Danielses. Called in there a few minutes. Staid in store & house some. Went up to Hermons & got a little borax. Father went to Frosts mill & got some corn __?__.

THURSDAY 21

25 above zero

Cloudy morn & began to snow about 11 o'clock A.M. very driving N.E. snow storm. Staid in house & store some. Went to Blackstone in the cars. Called & see Geo. L. Greene at the store. Walked from there to Woonsocket & back to Blackstone to come back in the cars to Nasons & went & got E's net at the __?__ house & came home in the 5 o'clock train. Father & Hermon went to Woonsocket to see some horses. Mahlor Daniels has a little boy.

FRIDAY 22

24 above zero

Very driving N.E. snow storm most of the day. The hardest storm that I can remember of. The roads are all blocked up with snow. The most so that I ever remember of. Have been in the house part of the day. Shoveled paths some & in the Road an hour or 2. The cars did'nt go past here till after noon (no mail to day) & went only to N. Wrentham.

March SATURDAY 23 1861

24 above zero

Very pleasant Clear & very warm. Worked breaking out the road 6 1/2 hours. Shoveling &c. The roads were banked up very bad. The cars did'nt go past here till 11 O'clock A.M. & came back this eve at 7 3/4 O'clock. They went back to Blackstone last night but got off the track & did 'nt get there till this morn. They brought the mail to night. Had none last night as they could'nt get through. Snow blistered my face to day.

SUNDAY 23

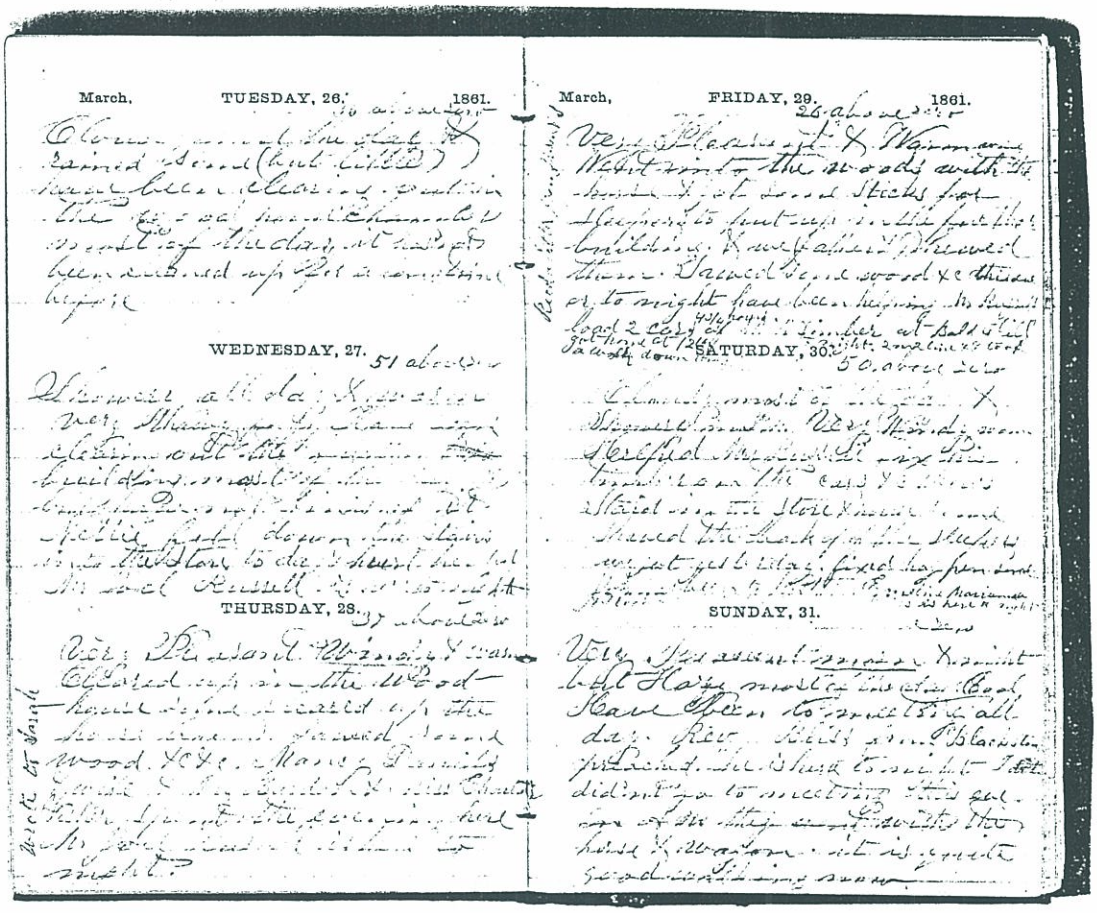
39 above zero

Pleasant most of the day but cloudy some. Had a snow squall but very little snow came. Warm. Have been to meeting all day. Rev. Robt. Carver preached. Was but very few there. We went with the horse & sleigh but it was very bad getting along. The snow was so deep & soft.

MONDAY 25

21 above zero

Pleasant but Hazy or cloudy part of the day. Went & did Mancy Daniels's chores. Went & see Capt Dean. His is quite low. Went & see Mr. A. J. Newell about some money & c. In house some & c & c. & in the P.M. worked on the road by the school house shoveling snow 3 3/4 hours on the other district.



March TUESDAY 26 1861

36 above zero

Cloudy most the day & rained some (but little). Have been clearing out in the wood house chambers most of the day. It has'nt been cleaned up for a long time before.

WEDNESDAY 27

51 above zero

Shower all day & warm. Very thawy foggy. Have been clearing out the further building most of the day but have not finished it. Nettie fell down the stairs into the store to day & hurt her back. Mr. Joel Russell is here to night.

THURSDAY 28

37 above zero

Very pleasant windy & warm. Cleared up in the wood house some. Cleared up the horse barn. Sawed some wood & c & c. Mancy Daniels & wife & Mrs. Bardon & Miss Charlotte Fisher spent the evening here. Mr. Joel Russell is here to night.

Wrote to Sara

March FRIDAY 29 1861

26 above zero

Very pleasant & warm, windy. Went into the woods with the horse & got some sticks for sleepers to put up in the further building & we (father & I) hewed them. Sawed some wood & c. This eve or to night have been helping Mr. Russell load 2 cars (4 3/4 hours) of ship timber at Bald Hill Got home at 12 1/4 o'clock. To night Emeline & I took a walk down there.

SATURDAY 30

50 above zero

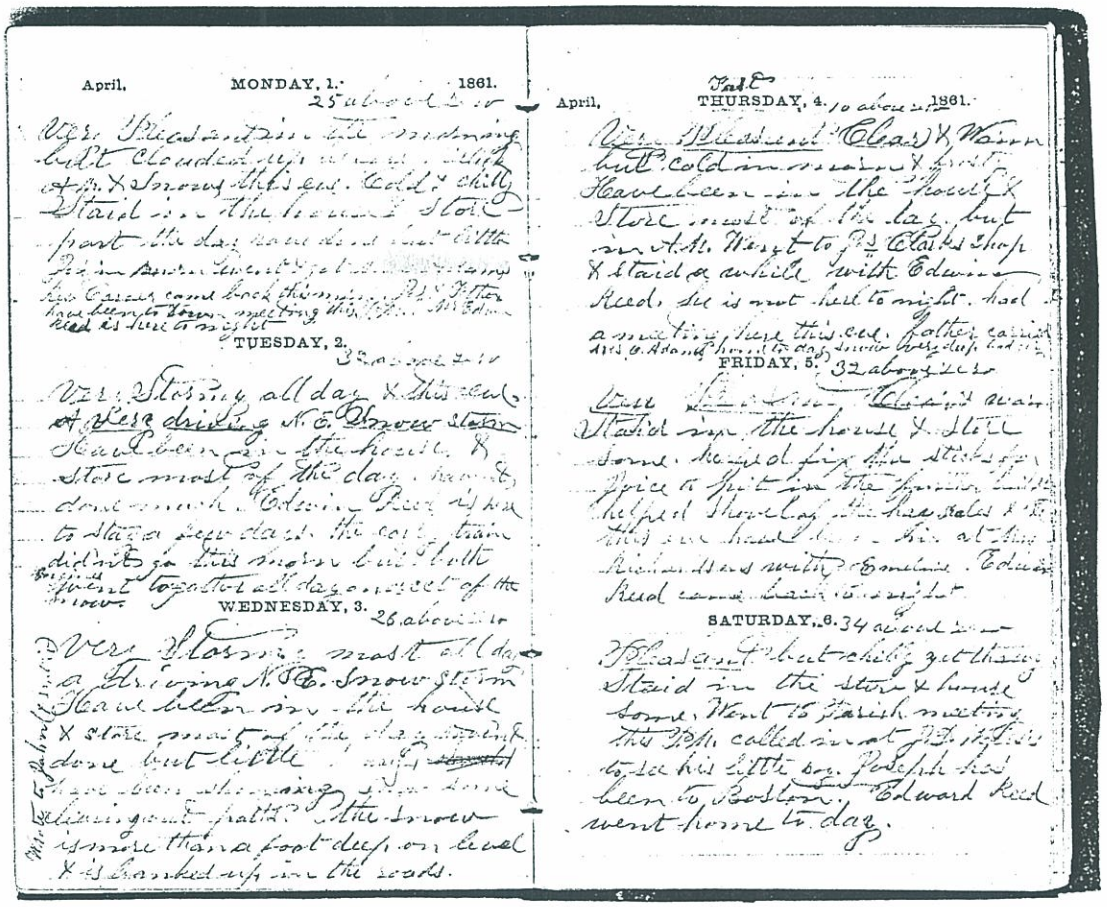
Cloudy most of the day & showery in P.M. very windy warm

Helped Mr. Russell fix his timber on the cars & c 1 hour. Staid in the store & house some. Shaved the bark off of the sleepers we got yesterday. Fixed hog pen some. Jos has been to Boston. Emeline, Marianne & I took a walk to the __?__. Rev. Bliss is here to night.

SUNDAY 31

30 above zero

Very pleasant morn & night but hazy most of the day, cool. Have been to meeting all day. Rev. Bliss from Blackstone preached. He is here to night. I did'nt go to meeting this eve. In A.M. they went with the horse & wagon. It is quite good walking now.



April MONDAY 1 1861

25 above zero

Very pleasant in the morning but clouded up before 9 o'clock A.M. & snows this eve. Cold & chilly. Staid in the house & store part the day. Have done but little. Jos. in morn went & got Mrs. O. Adams. Rev. R. Carver back this morn. Jos & father have been to town meeting this P.M. Mr. Edwin Reed is here tonight.

TUESDAY 2

32 above zero

Very stormy all day & this eve. A very driving N. E. snow storm. Have been in the house & store most of the day. Haven't done much. Edwin Reed is here to stay a few days. The early train did'nt go this morn but both engines went together all day on acct of the snow.

WEDNESDAY 3

26 above zero

Very stormy most all day. A driving E. E. snow storm. Have been in the house & store most of the day. Haven't done but little to day. Have been shoveling snow some, clearing out paths. The snow is more than a foot deep on level & is banked up in the road.

Wrote to John (& sent it)

April THURSDAY 4 1861

10 above zero

Very pleasant clear & warm but cold in morn & frosty. Have been in the house & store most of the day but in A.M. went to Jos. Clarks shop & staid a while with Edwin Reed. He is not here to night. Had a meeting here this eve. Father carried Mrs. O. Adams home to day. Snow very deep. Bad going.

FRIDAY 5

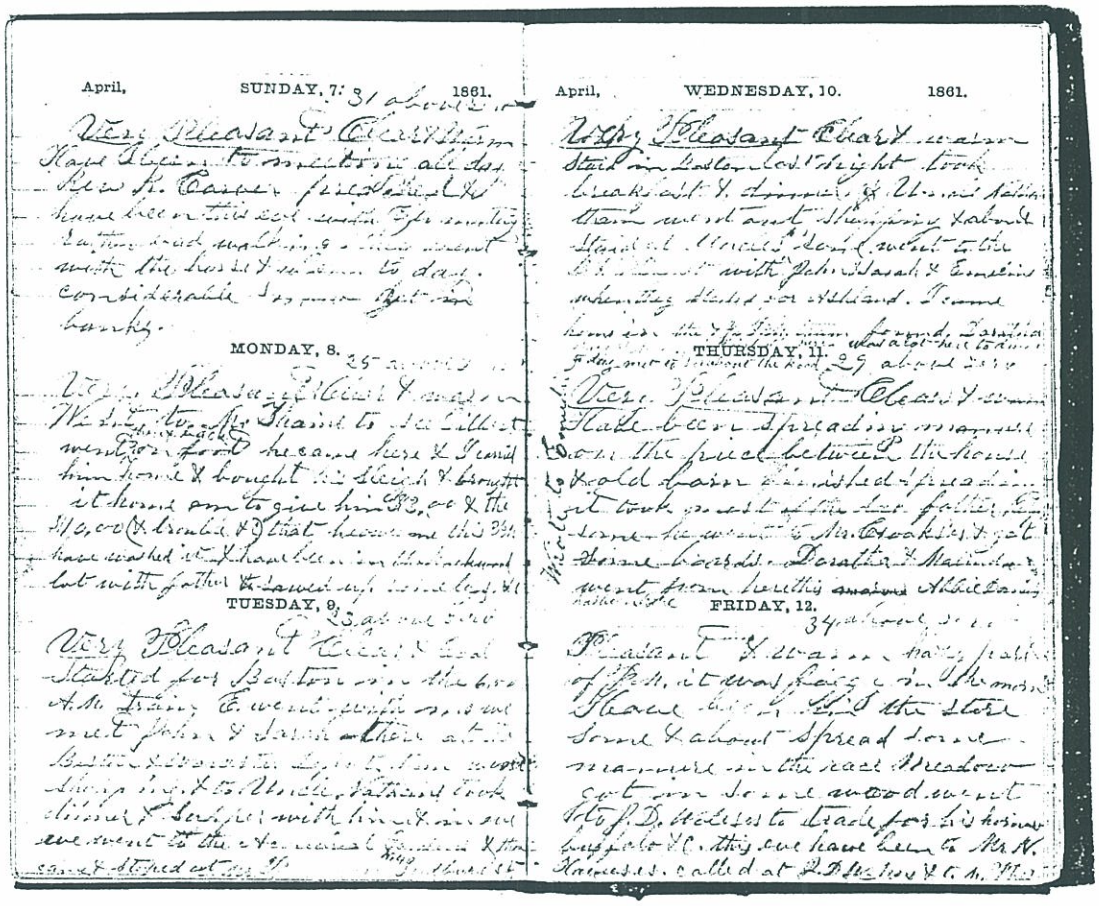
32 above zero

Very pleasant & clear & warm. Staid in the house & store some. Helped fix the sticks for joice to put in the further building. Helped shovel the hay scales & c & c. This eve have been in at Mrs. Richardsons with Emeline. Edwin Reed came back to night

SATURDAY 6

34 above zero

Pleasant but chilly. Get thawy. Staid in the store & house some. Went to Parish meeting this P.M. Called in at J. D. Wales's to see his little boy. Joseph has been to Boston. Edward Reed went home to day.



April SUNDAY 7 1861

31 above zero

Very pleasant, clear & warm. Have been to meeting all day. Rev. R. Carver preached & have been this eve with E. to meeting. Rather bad walking. This eve went with the horse & wagon. To day considerable snow yet in banks.

MONDAY 8

25 above zero

Very pleasant, clear & warm. Went to Mr. Thains to see Gilbert. Went there & back on foot. He came here & I carried him home & bought his sleigh & brought it home. Am to give him $3.00 & the ($10.00 & trouble & c.). that he owes me this P.M. Have washed it & have been in the Rockwood lot with father & sawed up some logs & c.

TUESDAY 9

23 above zero

Very pleasant, clear & cool. Started for Boston in the 6.50 A.M. train. E. went with me. We met John & Sarah there at the Boston & Worcester Depot, then went shopping & to Uncle Nathans. Took dinner & supper with him & in eve, we went to the Acquirial Gardens & then came & stoped at Mr. T. __?__ No. 40 Sudbury St.

April WEDNESDAY 10 1861

Very pleasant, clear & warm. Staid in Boston last night. Took breakfast & dinner at Uncle Nathan. Then went out shopping & about. Staid at Uncle Nathans. Went to the B & W Depot with John & Sarah & Emeline when they started for Ashland. I came home in the 7 3/4 P.M train. Found Dorotha, Tracy & Malinda was all here to dinner to day and to see about the road.

THURSDAY 11

29 above zero

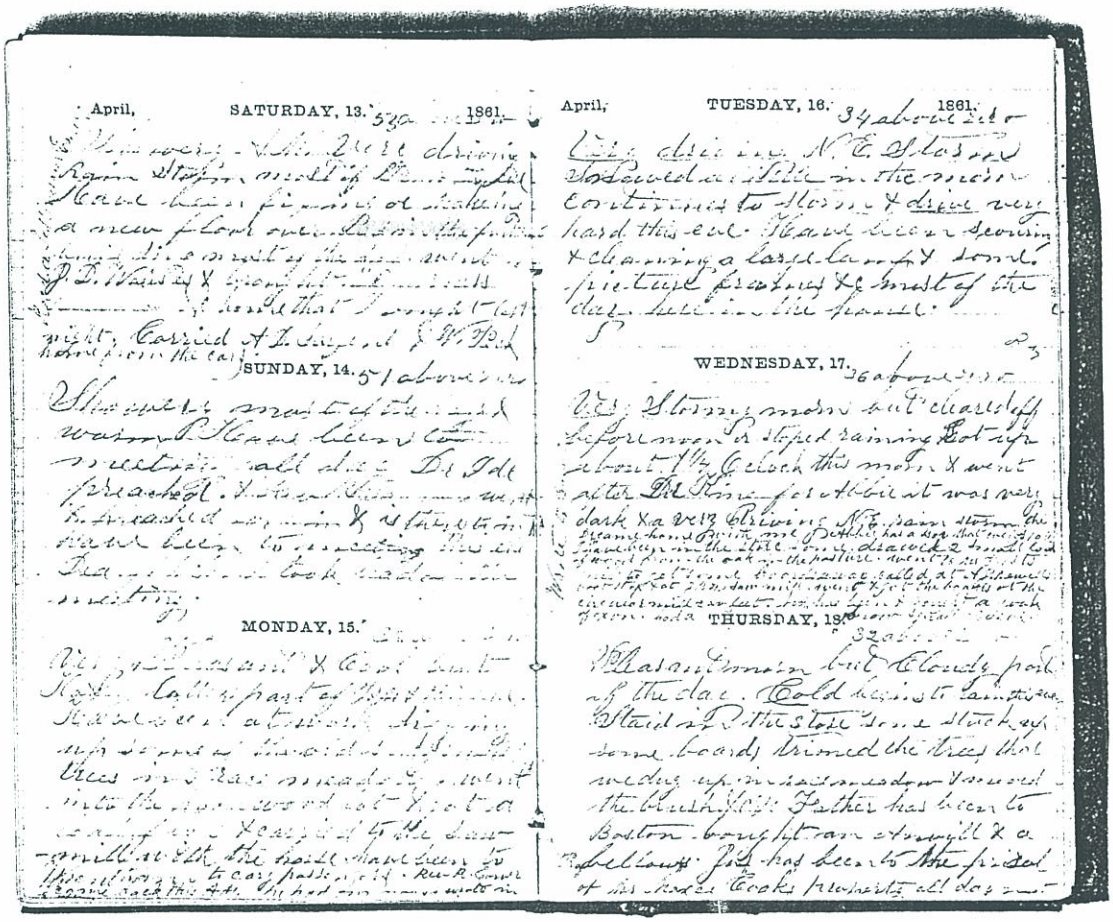
Very pleasant, clear & warm. Have been spreading manure on the piece between the house & old barn. Finished spreading it, took most of the day. Father helped some. He went to Mr. Crooks'es & got some boards. Dorotha & Malinda went from here this morn. Abbie Daniels has been here.

Wrote to Emeline

FRIDAY 12

34 above zero

Pleasant & warm, hazy part of P.M. It was foggy in the morn. Have been in the store some & about. Spread some manure in the race meadow. Got in some wood. Went to J. E. Waleses to trade for his harness buffalo & c. This eve have been to Mr. N. Haweses. Called at J. D. Wales & to Mr. Phersons.



April SATURDAY 13 1861

53 above zero

Showers A.M. Very driving rain storm most of P.M. Have been fixing or making a new floor over pad in the further building most of the day. Went to J. D. Waleses & brought the harness Buffalo & c. home that I bought last night. Carried A. D. Sargent & W. Peck home from the cars.

Recd a letter from Emeline

SUNDAY 14

51 above zero

Showers most of the day & warm. Have been to meeting all day. Dr. Ide preached & Rev. R. Carver went & preached for him & is there to night. Have been to meeting this eve. Dea. J. P. Pond took lead of the meeting.

MONDAY 15

38 above zero

Very pleasant & cool but hazy latter part of P.M. & this eve. Have been at work digging up some of the old slug sweeting trees in race meadow. Went into the Rockwood lot & got a load of logs & carried to the saw mill with the horse. Have been to Wrentham to cary passengers. Rev. R. Carver came back this A.M. He had our horse. Wrote in E __?__.

April TUESDAY 16 1861

34 above zero

Very driving N. E. Storm. Snowed a little in the morn. continues to storm & drive very hard this eve. Have been scouring & cleaning a large lamp & some picture frames & c. most of the day, here in the house.

WEDNESDAY 17

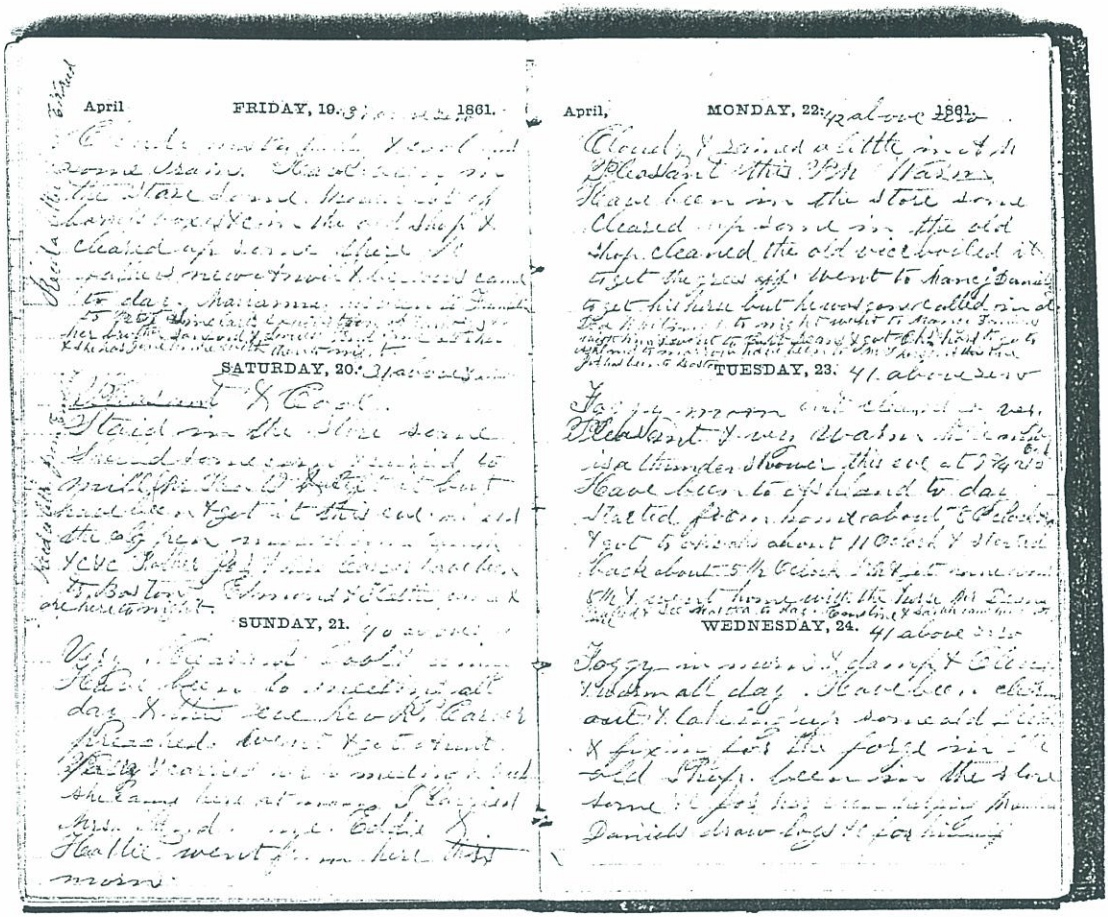
36 above zero

Very stormy morn but cleared off before noon or stoped raining. Got up about 1 1/4 o'clock this morn & went after Dr. King for Abbie. It was very dark & a very driving N. E. rain storm. The Dr. came home with me. Abbie has a boy that weighed 10 lbs. I have been in the store some. Drawed two small loads of wood from the oak in the pasture. Went to see Mr. Frosts mill to cut some boards away. Called at A. J. Newells boat shop & at J. W. snows mill. Went & got the boards at the circular mill 200 feet. Jos has been & bought a __?__ of oxan. Had a snow squall this eve.

THURSDAY 18

32 above zero

Pleasant morn but cloudy part of the day. Cold, begins to rain this eve. Staid in the store some, stuck up some boards, trimed the trees that we dug up in race meadow & mowed the brush & c. Father has been to Boston. Bought an Anvill & a bellows. Jos has been to the __?__ of Mr. Maxcy Cooks property all day.



April FRIDAY 19 1861

37 above zero

Cloudy most of the day & cool, had some rain. Have been in the store some. Moved lot of barrels, boxes & c. in the old shop & cleared up some there & c. to day. Marianna has been to Franklin to Peter Sinclares exhibition of paintings & her brother, Sanford & Louise Pond came after her & she has gone home with them to night.

Recd a letter from E. W. Reed

SATURDAY 20

31 above zero

Pleasant & cool. Staid in the store some. Shelled some corn & carried to mill (Mr. Frosts) but left it but have been & got it this eve. Fixed the calf pen, moved some brush & c & c. Father, Jos. & Mrs. Carver have been to Boston. Edmond & Hattie came & are here to night.

Recd a letter from Emeline

SUNDAY 21

40 above zero

Very pleasant , cool & windy. Have been to meeting all day & this eve. Rev. R. Carver preached. Went & got Aunt Patty & carried her to meeting & back. She came here at noon. I carried Mrs. Pond home. Eddie & Hattie went from here this morn.

April MONDAY 22 1861

42 above zero

Cloudy & rained a little in A.M. Pleasant this P.M. warm. Have been in the store some. Cleared up some in the old shop. Cleaned the old vice, boiled it to get the grees off. Went to Mancy Daniels to get his horse but he was gone Called in at Dea. Whitings to night. Went to Mancy Danielses with him & went to Capt. Deans & got Chs. horse to go to Ashland tomorrow. Have been to Mr. Phersons this eve. Jos. has been to Boston.

TUESDAY 23

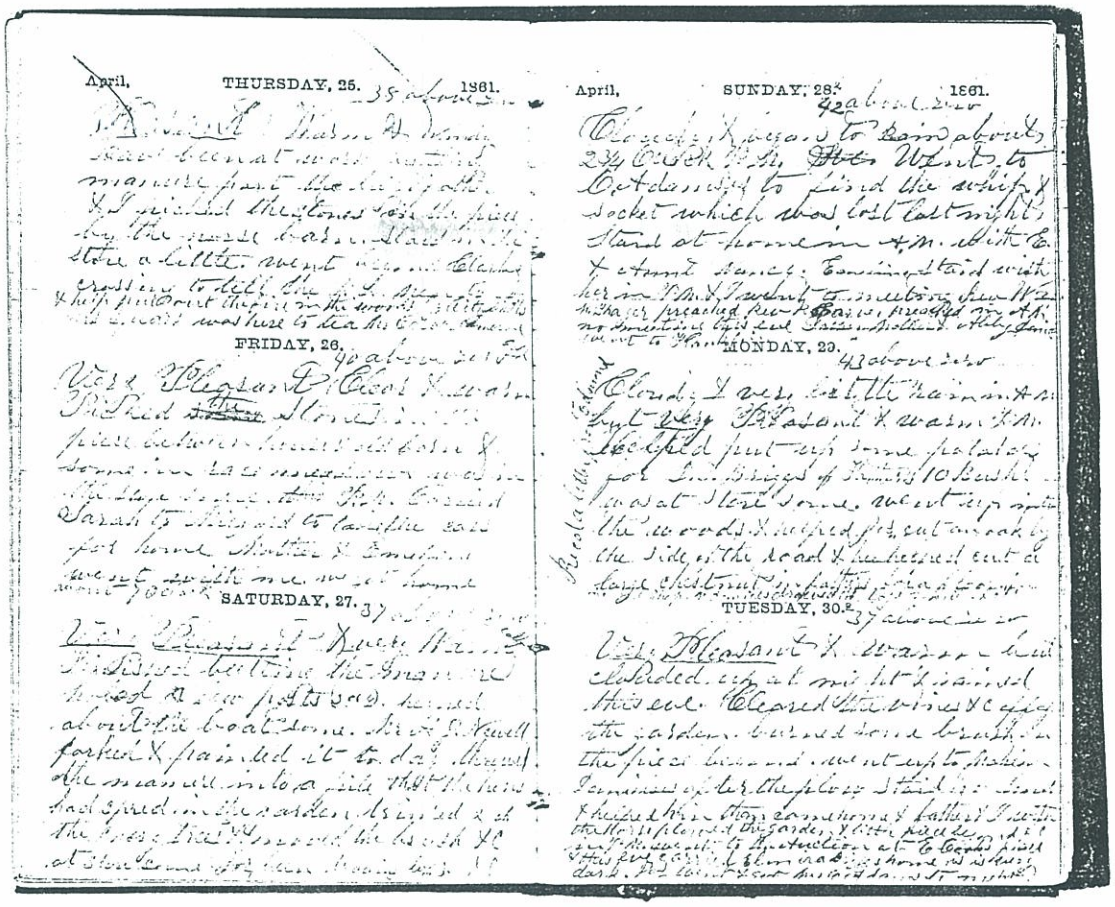
41 above zero

Foggy morn but cleared off very pleasant & very warm. There now is a thunder shower this eve at 9 3/4 o'clock. Have been to Ashland to day. Started from home about 8 o'clock A.M. & got to Alvahs about 11 o'clock & started back about 5 1/2 o'clock P.M. & got home about 8 1/2 & went home with the horse. Mr. Deans. I called & see Martha to day. Emeline & Sarah came home with me.

WEDNESDAY 24

41 above zero

Foggy in morn & damp & cloudy & warm all day. Have been clearing out & taking up some old floors & fixing for the forge in the old shop. Been in the Store some & c. Jos has been helping Mabline Daniels draw logs & c for himself.



April THURSDAY 25 1861

38 above zero

Pleasant warm & windy. Have been at work beetling manure part the day & father & I picked the stones on the piece by the horse barn. Staid in the store a little. Went beyond Clarks crossing to tell the R.R. men to go & help put out the fire in the woods by City Mills. Mrs. Spears was here to tea. Mr. Carver came here.

FRIDAY 26

40 above zero calf

Very pleasant clear & warm. Picked stones in the piece between house & old barn & some in race meadow. Was in the store some this P.M. Carried Sarah to Milford to take the cars for home. Mother & Emeline went with me. We got home about 7 o'clock.

SATURDAY 27

37 above zero calf

Very pleasant & very warm. Finished beetling the manure. Holed a few posts (3 or 4) Helped about the boat some. Mr. A. J. Newell corked & painted it to day. Throwed the manure into a pile that the hens had spred in the garden. Trimed 2 of the chery trees & moved the brush & c. At store some. Jos been drawing logs & c.

April SUNDAY 28 1861

42 above zero

Cloudy & began to rain about 2 3/4 o'clock P.M. Went to O. Adamses to find the whip & socket which was lost last night. Staid at home in A.M. with E. & Aunt Nancy. Emeline staid with her in P.M. & I went to meeting. Rev. W. N. Thayer preached. Rev. R. Carver preached in A.M. No meeting this eve. Father, mother & Abby Daniels went to Franklin.

MONDAY 29

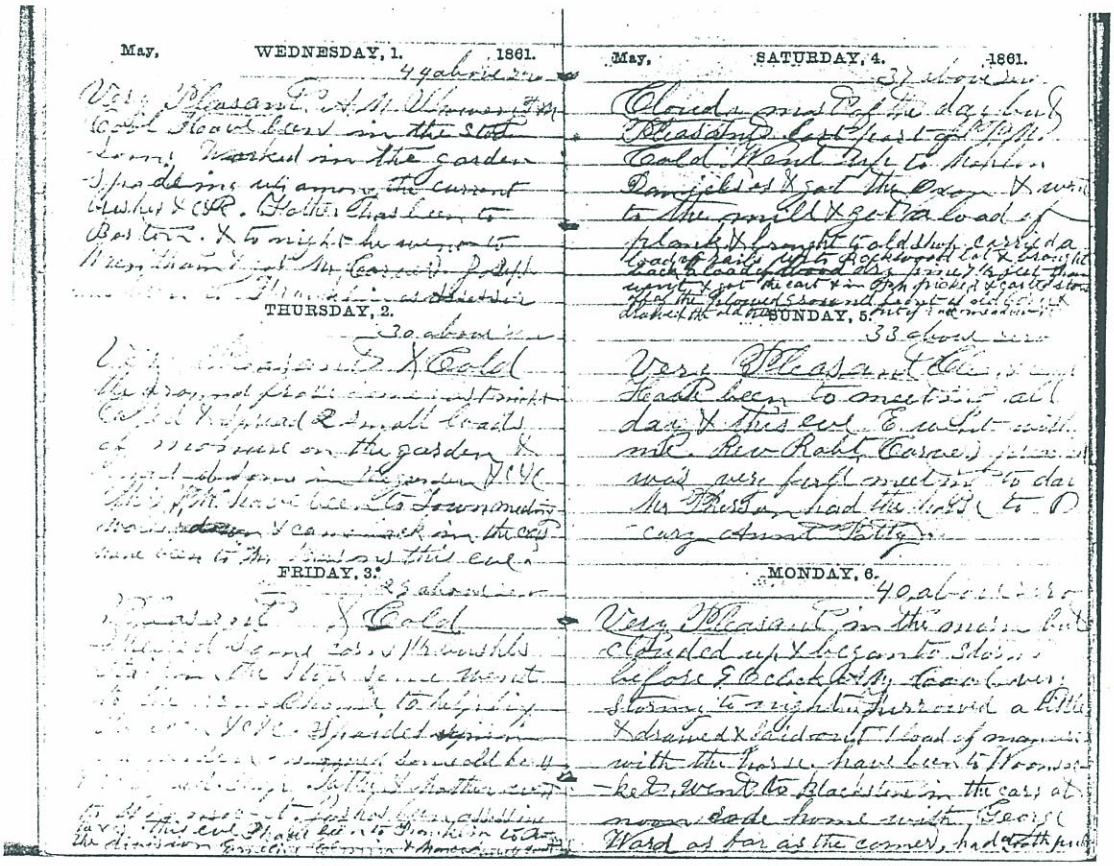
43 above zero

Cloudy & very little rain in A.M. but very pleasant & warm P.M. Helped put up some potatoes for D. T. Briggs of Fathers 10 bushl. Was at store some. Went up in the woods & helped Jos. cut an oak by the side of the road & he helped cut a large chestnut in fathers for a floor in the old shop. M. Daniels drawed the logs to mill & c & c.

TUESDAY 30

37 above zero

Very pleasant & warm but clouded up at night & rained this eve. Cleared the vines & c. off of the garden. Burned some brush on the piece beyond. Went up to Mabline Danielses after the plow. Staid 1/2 an hour & helped him, than came home & father & I with the horse plowed the garden & little piece beyond & in P.M. went to the Auction at E. Cooks place & this eve carried Elmira Briggs home as it is very dark. Jos went & got Mrs. O. Adams to night.



May WEDNESDAY 1 1861

44 above zero

Very pleasant AM. Showery P.M. Cool. Have been in the store some. Worked in the garden spading up among the current bushes & c & c. Father has been to Boston & to night he went to Wrentham & got M. Carver. Joseph has been to Franklin as Assessor.

THURSDAY 2

30 above zero

Very pleasant & cold. The ground frose some last night. Carted & spread 2 small loads of manure on the garden & spaded some in the garden & c & c. This P.M. have been to Town meeting. Walked down & came back in the cars. Have been to Mr. Phersons this eve.

FRIDAY 3

25 above zero

Pleasant & cold. Shelled some corn 1 ½ bushels. Staid in the store some. Went to the school house to help fix the lock & c. & c. Spaided up in the garden – moved some old boards & c. by the old shop. Father & Mother went to Woonsocket. Jos has been assessing taxes. This eve I have been to Franklin to __?__ the division. Emeline, Elmire & Mancy __?__ went.

May SATURDAY 4 1861

37 above zero

Cloudy most of the day but pleasant last part of P.M. Cold. Went up to Mahlon Danielses & got the oxan & went to the mill & got a load of plank & brought to old shop. Carried a load of rails up to Rockwood lot & brought back a load of wood, dry pine, 7 ½ feet, than went & got the cart & in P.M. picked & carted stones off of the plowed ground front of old barn & drawed the old trees out of race meadow & c.

SUNDAY 5

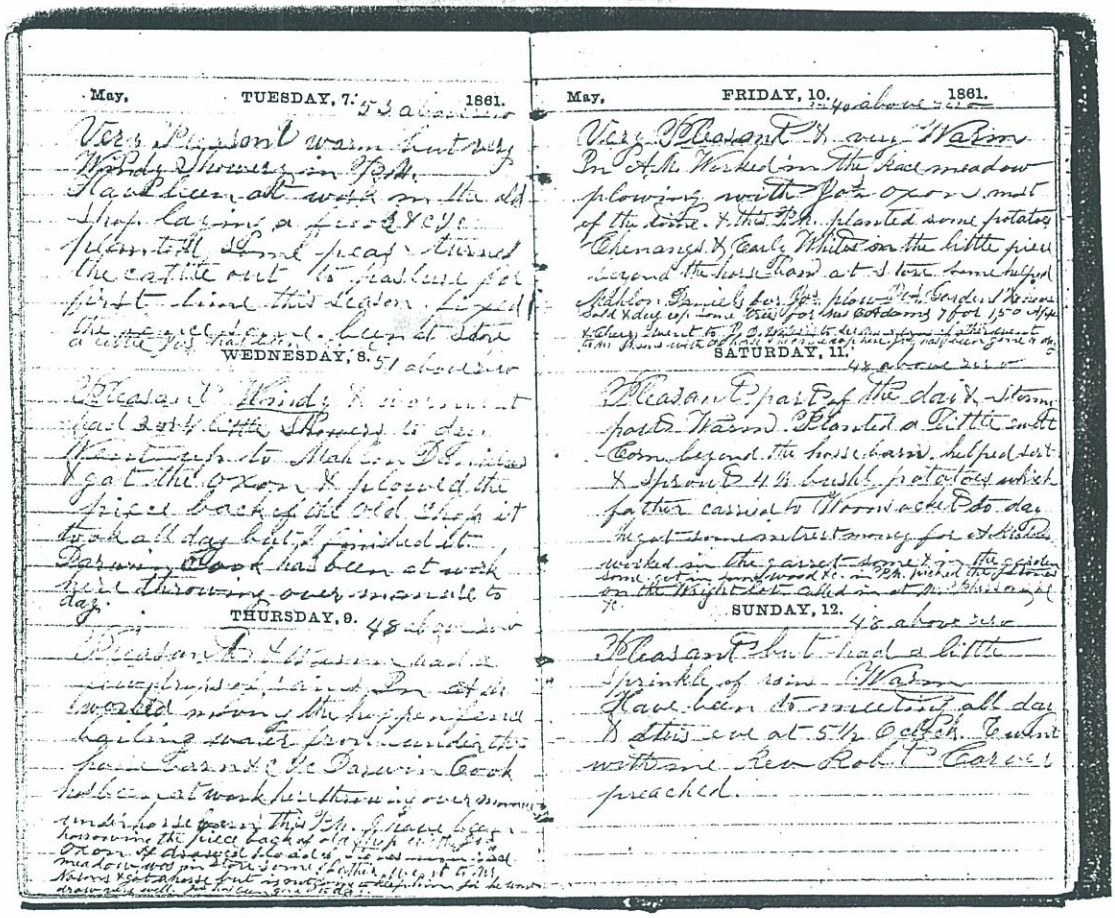
33 above zero

Very pleasant clear & cool. Have been to meeting all day & this eve. E. went with me. Rev. Robt Carver preached. Was very full meeting to day. Mr. Pherson had the horse to cary Aunt Patty.

MONDAY 6

40 above zero

Very pleasant in the morn but clouded up & began to storm before 9 o'clock A.M. Cool, very stormy to night. Furrowed a little & drawed & laid out 1 load of manure with the horse. Have been to Woodsocket. Went to Blackstone in the cars at noon. Rode home with George Ward as far as the corner. Had a tooth pulled.



May TUESDAY 7 1861

53 above zero

Very pleasant warm but very windy, showery in P.M. Have been at work in the old shop laying a floor & c & c. Planted some peas, turned the cattle out to pasture for the first time this season. Fixed the fence some. Been at store a little. Jos has been gone.

WEDNESDAY 8

51 above zero

Pleasant windy & warm but had 3 or 4 little showers to day. Went up to Mahlon Danielses & got the oxan & plowed the piece back of the old shop. It took all day but I finished it. Darwin Cook has been at work here throwing over manure to day.

THURSDAY 9

48 above zero

Pleasant & warm, had a few drops of rain. In A.M. worked moving the hog pen fence, hailing water from under the horse barn & c & c. Darwin Cook has been at work here throwing over manure under horse barn this P.M. I have been harrowing the piece back of old shop with Jos oxan & drawed 1 load of staves from race meadow. Was in store some. Father went to Mr. Nason & c. & got a horse but is not going to keep him for he wont draw very well. Jos has been gone to day.

May FRIDAY 10 1861

40 above zero

Very pleasant & very warm in A.M. Worked in the race meadow plowing with Jos. oxan most of the time & this P.M. planted some potatoes, Chenanys & Early Whites on the little piece beyond the horse barn. At store some. Helped Mahlon Daniels for Jos. plow Jos garden 1 1/4 hours. Sold & dug up some trees for Mrs. O. Adams, 7 for 1.50 apple & chery. Went to J. D. Waleses to see Mrs. __?__. Father went to Mr. Nasons with the horse & he came up here. Jos has been gone all day.

SATURDAY 11

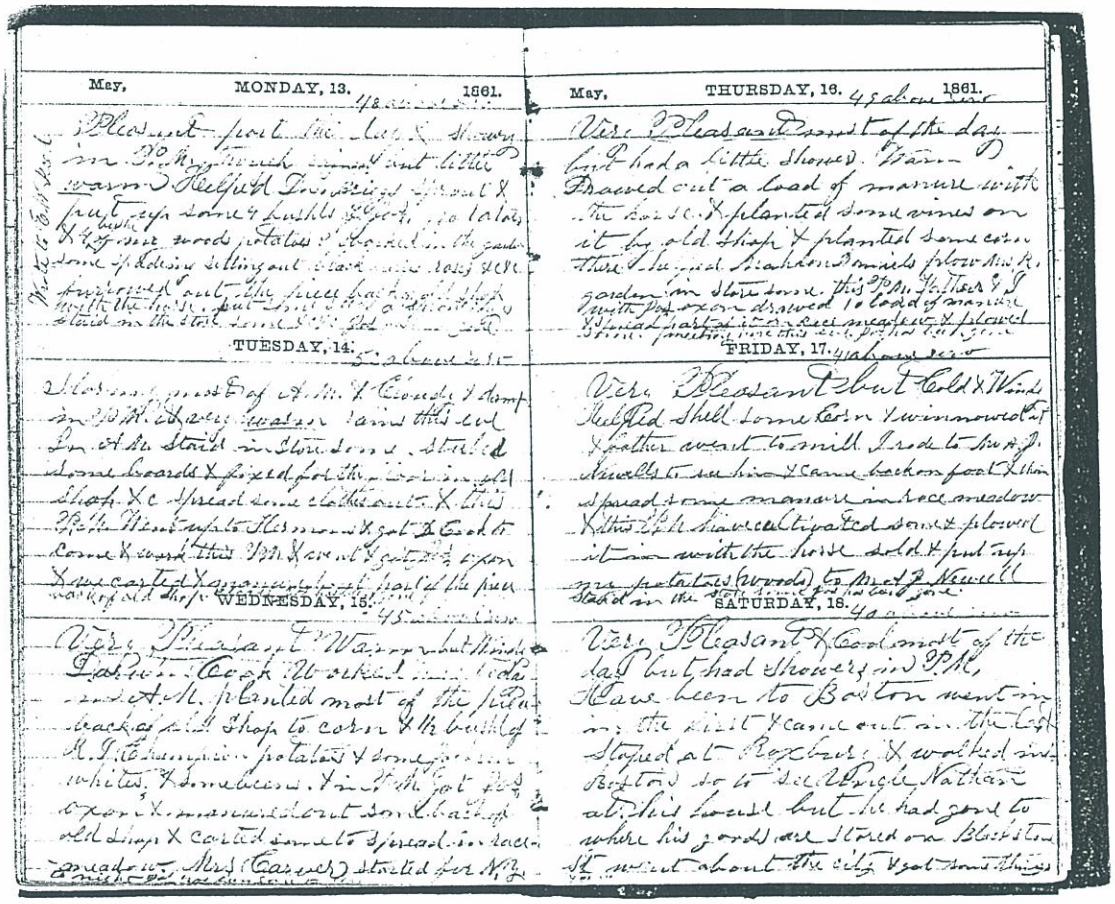
48 above zero

Pleasant part of the day & stormy, part warm. Planted a little sweet corn beyond the horse barn. Helped sort & sprout 4 1/2 bushl potatoes which father carried to Woonsocket to day. He got some interest money for A. Richardson. Worked in the garret some & in the garden some. Got in some wood & c. In P.M. Picked the stones on the Wright lot. Called in at Mr. Phersons & c.

SUNDAY 12

48 above zero

Pleasant but had a little sprinkle of rain. Warm. Have been to meeting all day & this eve at 5 1/2 o'clock. E. went with me. Rev. Robert carver preached.



May MONDAY 13 1861

48 above zero

Pleasant part the day & showery in P.M. though rained but little, warm. Helped D. T. Briggs sprout & put up some 4 bushls of Jos. potatoes & 4 bushl of my woods potatoes. Worked in the garden some spading, setting out black berries, roses & c & c. Furrowed out the piece back of old shop with the horse. Put some seeds a sprouting. Staid in the store some & c & c. Jos has been gone.

TUESDAY 14

53 above zero

Stormy most of A.M. & cloudy & damp in P.M., is very warm. Rains this eve. In A.M. staid in store some. Stubed some boards & fixed for the floor in old shop & c. Spread some clothes out & this P.M. went up to Hermons & got D. Cook to come & work this P.M. & went & got Jos. oxan & we carted & manured out part of the piece back of old shop. Jos has been gone.

WEDNESDAY 15

45 above zero

Very pleasant, warm but windy. Darwin Cook worked here today in A.M. Planted most of the piece back of old shop to corn 1/2 busl of R. I. Champion potatoes & some Jackson whites & some beens & in P.M. got Jos. oxan & carted some to spread in race meadow. Mrs. Carver started for N.Y. to night. Jos has been gone to day.

May THURSDAY 16 1861

49 above zero

Very pleasant most of the day but had a little shower. Warm. Drawed out a load of manure with the horse & planted some vines on it by old shop & planted some corn there. Helped Mahlon Daniels plow Mrs. R. garden. In store some the P.M. Father & I with Jos oxan drawed 10 load of manure & spread part of it on race meadow & plowed some. Meeting here this eve. Jos has been gone.

FRIDAY 17

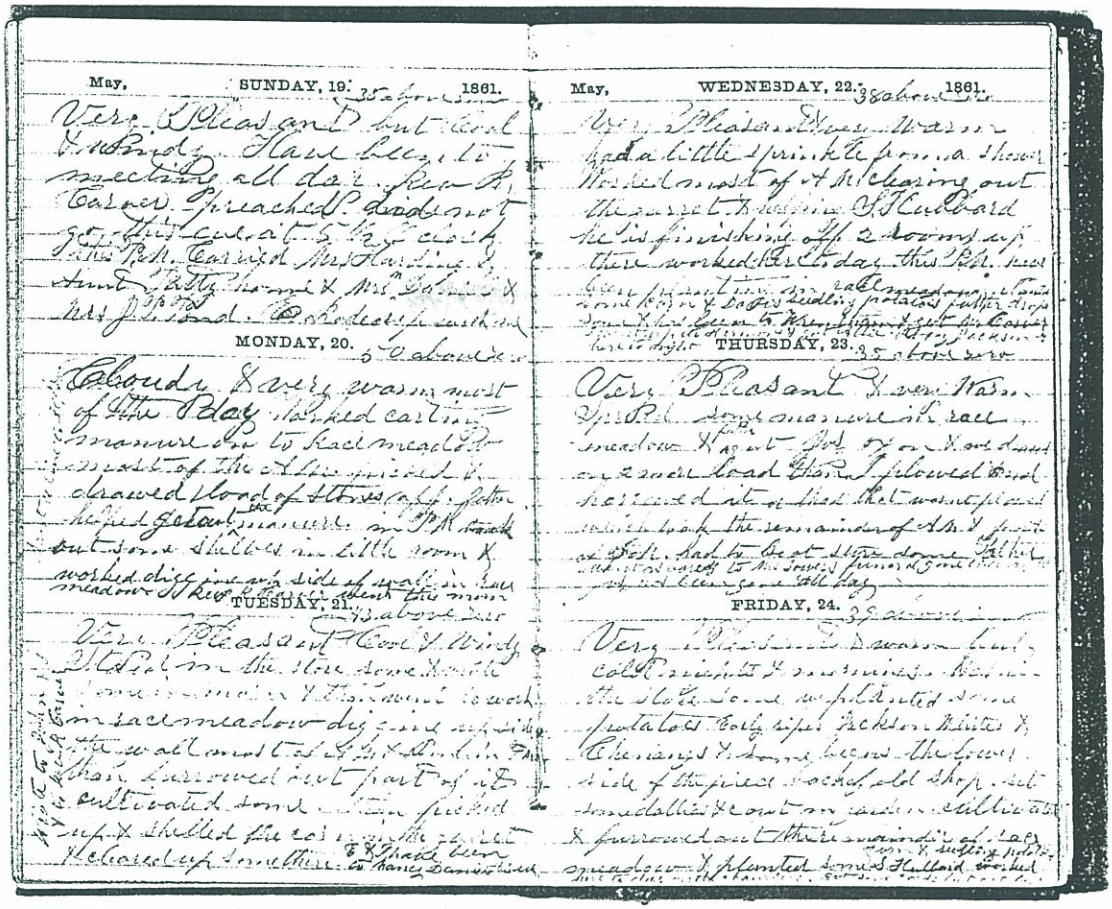
41 above zero

Very pleasant but cold & windy. Helped shell some corn & winnowed it & father went to mill. I rode to Mr. A.J. Newells to see him & came back on foot & than spread some manure in race meadow & this P.M. have cultivated some & plowed it in with the horse. Sold & put up my potatoes (woods) to Mr. A.J. Newell. Staid in the store some. Jos has been gone.

SATURDAY 18

40 above zero

Very pleasant & cool most of the day but had showers in P.M. Have been to Boston. Went in the first & came out in the last. Stoped at Roxbury & walked into Boston so to see Uncle Nathan at his house but he had gone to where his goods are stored on Blackstone St. Went about the city & got some things & c & c.



May SUNDAY 19 1861

35 above zero

Very pleasant but cool & windy. Have been to meeting all day. Rev. R. Carver preached. Did not go this eve at 5 1/2 o'clock. This P.M. carried Mrs. Harding & Aunt Patty home & Mrs. M. Daniels & Mrs. J. P. Pond. E. rode up with me.

MONDAY 20

50 above zero

Cloudy & very warm most of the day. Worked carting manure on to race meadow most of the A.M. Picked & drawed 1 load of stones off. Father helped get out the manure. In P.M. took out some shelves in little room & worked digging up side of wall in race meadow. Rev. R. Carver went this morn.
Sent a line to H.__?__.

TUESDAY 21

43 above zero

Very pleasant, cool & windy. Staid in the store some & wrote some in morn & than went to work in race meadow digging up side wall most of A.M. & some in P.M., than furrowed out part of it. Cultivated some. Than picked up & shelled the corn in the garret & cleared up some there. E. & I have been to Mancy Daniels this eve.
Wrote to John & S. & to Rev. R. Carver.

May WEDNESDAY 22 1861

38 above zero

Very pleasant & very warm. Had a little sprinkle from a shower. Worked most of A.M. clearing out the garret & helping S. Hubbard. He is finishing off 2 rooms up there. Worked here today. This P.M. have been planting in race meadow. Planted some corn & Davis seedling potatoes. Father __?__ some & has been to Wrentham & got Mr. Carver. I went up to Hermons & got Abbie. __?__Jackson was here to night.

THURSDAY 23

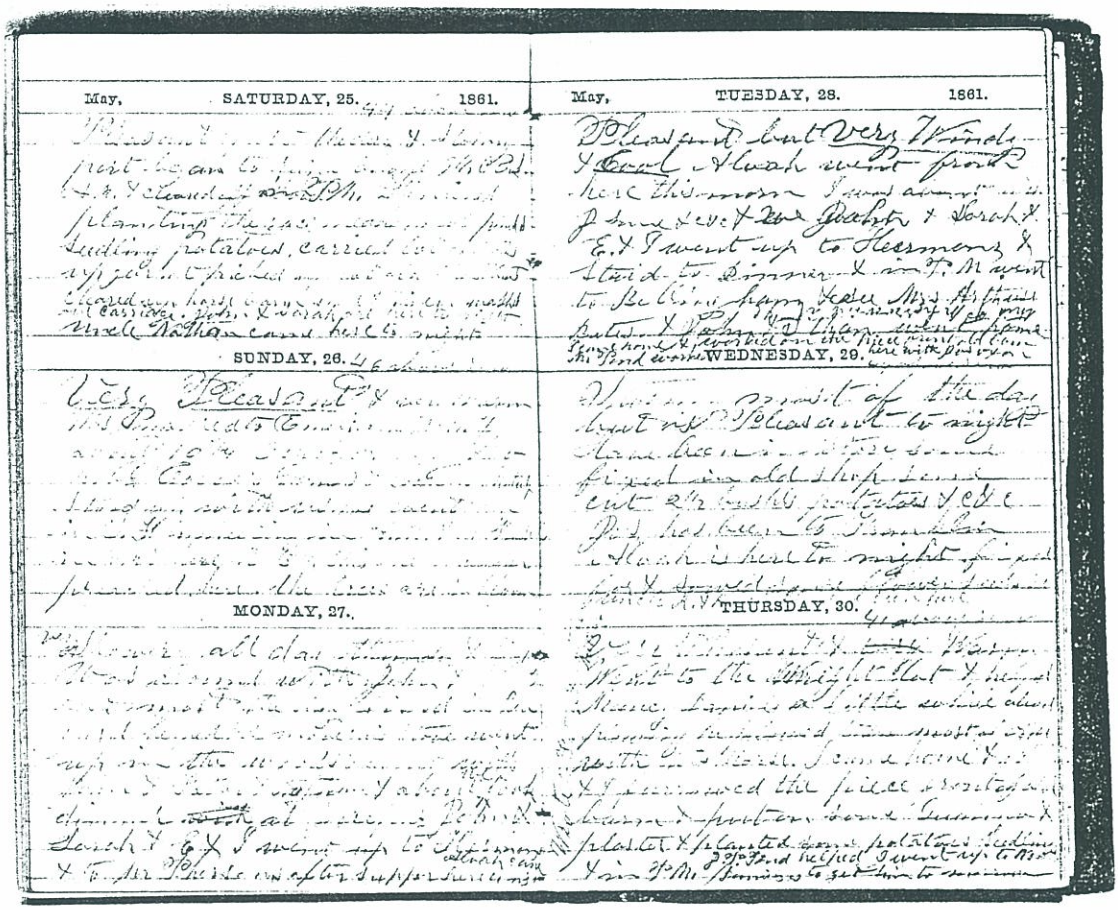
38 above zero

Very pleasant & very warm. Spread some manure in race meadow & father got Jos oxan & we drawed on 2 more load, than I plowed and harrowed it in or that that was'nt plowed which took the remainder of A.M. & part of P.M. Had to be at store some. Father went as barer to Mrs. Towers funeral. Gone till night. Jos has been gone all day.

FRIDAY 24

39 above zero

Very pleasant & warm but cold nights & mornings. Was in the store some. We planted some potatoes, Early ripes, Jackson Whites & Chenanys & some beens the lower side of the piece back of old shop. Set some dalhias & c. out in the garden. Cultivated & furrowed out the remainder of race meadow & planted some corn & sweet potatoes. S. Hubbard worked here to day on the cambers. Got some cords but are to large.



May SATURDAY 25 1861

44 above zero

Pleasant part the day & stormy part, began to rain about 9 1/2 o'clock A.M. & cleared off in P.M. Finished planting the race meadow lot. Plowed seedling potatoes, carried lot of __?__ up garret, picked up lot old shoes __?__. Cleared up horse barn some & this eve washed out carriage. John & Sarah are here tonight. Uncle Nathan came here to night.

SUNDAY 26

46 above zero

Very pleasant & very warm.
Was married to Emeline M. Metcalf about 10 1/4 o'clock A.M. by Rev. Robt. Carver. John & Sarah Metcalf stood up with us. We went here in S.F. to meeting in A.M. & at Franklin in P.M. & here at 5 1/2 this eve. R. Carver preached here. The trees are in bloom.

MONDAY 27

Very showery all day, thunder & lightning. Was around with John & the rest most the day. Fixed the hen yard. Helped Jos. move his stove. Went up in the woods & about with John & Father & Nathan & about. We took dinner at Josephs. John & Sarah & E. & I went up to Hermons & to Mr. Phersons after supper. Alvah came here to night.

May TUESDAY 28 1861

Pleasant but very windy & cool. Alvah went from here this more. I was about with J. some & c & c & we, John & Sarah & E. & I went up to Hermons & staid to dinner & in P.M. went to Bellingham to see Mrs. Arthur Bates & John & S. than went home. I came home & worked on the piece front old barn. Mr. Pond worked here with Jos oxan
this P.M. harrowing it.

WEDNESDAY 29

Stormy most of the day but is pleasant to night. Have been in store some. Fixed in old shop some. Cut 2 1/2 bushls potatoes & c & c. Jos has been to Franklin. Alvah is here to night. Fixed for & sowed some flower seed & c. Uncle R. & Aunt H. have been here.

THURSDAY 30

41 above zero

Very pleasant & warm. Went to the Wright lot & helped Mancy Daniels a little while about plowing. He plowed there most of A.M. with his horse. I came home & father & I furrowed the piece front of old barn & put on some Guanna & plaster & planted some potatoes, seedlings & in P.M. J. F. Pond helped. I went up to __?__ Danielses to get him to morrow.
Wrote to Father & Mother Metcalf.

Emeline Wadsworth's personal card was with the diaries

Emeline M. Wadsworth.

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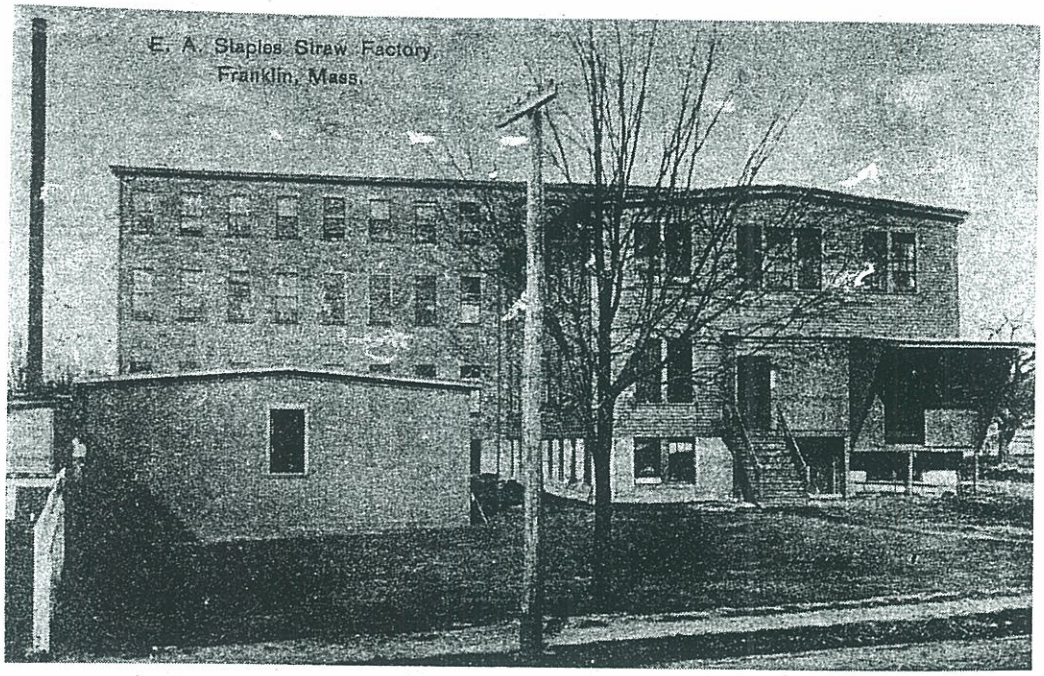

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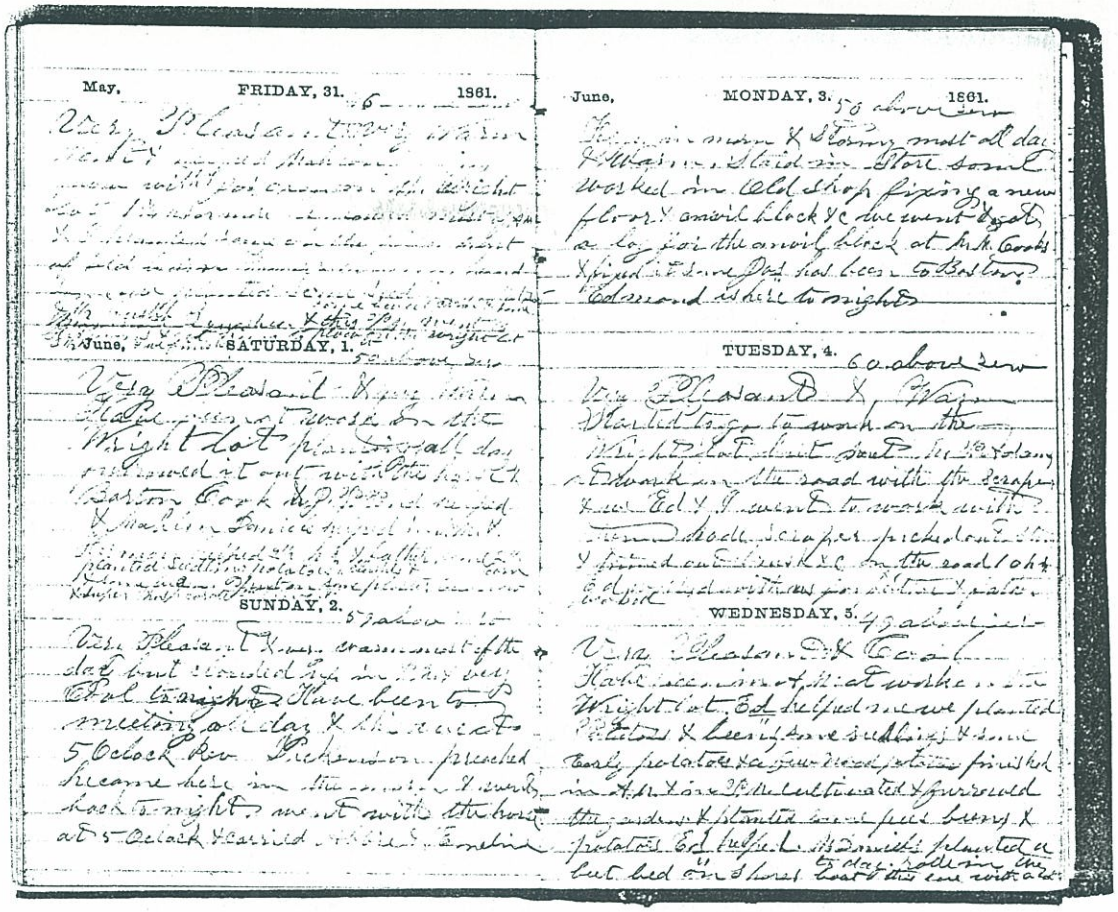


May FRIDAY 31 1861

46 above zero

Very pleasant & very warm. Went & helped Mahlon Daniels plow with Jos oxan on the Wright lot 1 3/4 hs or more. He plowed most of A.M. & I planted some on the piles front of old barn. Father & Uncle N. helped some. We planted some seedling potatoes & 1/2 bushl of Mammoth __?__ some sweet corn & some & this P.M. went to Hermons & got him to work on the Wright lot 3 1/2 hs & we finished it.

June SATURDAY 1

50 above zero

Very pleasant & very warm. Have been at work on the Wright lot planting all day, furrowed it out with the horse & Barton Cook & J. P. Pond helped & Mahlon Daniels helped in P.M. & Hermond helped 2 1/2 hs. & father some 2 1/2. Planted seedling potatoes, 8 bushls & some corn & some beans. Put on some plaster __?__ & super Phosphorate __?__.

SUNDAY 2

59 above zero

Very pleasant & very warm most of the day but clouded up in P.M. & very cool tonight. Have been to meeting all day & this eve at 5 O'clock. Rev. Dickenson preached. He came here in the morn & went back to night. Went with the horse at 5 o'clock & carried Abbie & Emeline.

June MONDAY 3 1861

50 above zero

Foggy in morn & stormy most all day & warm. Staid in store some. Worked in old shop fixing a new floor & anvil block & c. We went & got a log for the anvil block at Mr. M. Cooks & fixed it some. Jos has been to Boston. Edmond is here to night.

TUESDAY 4

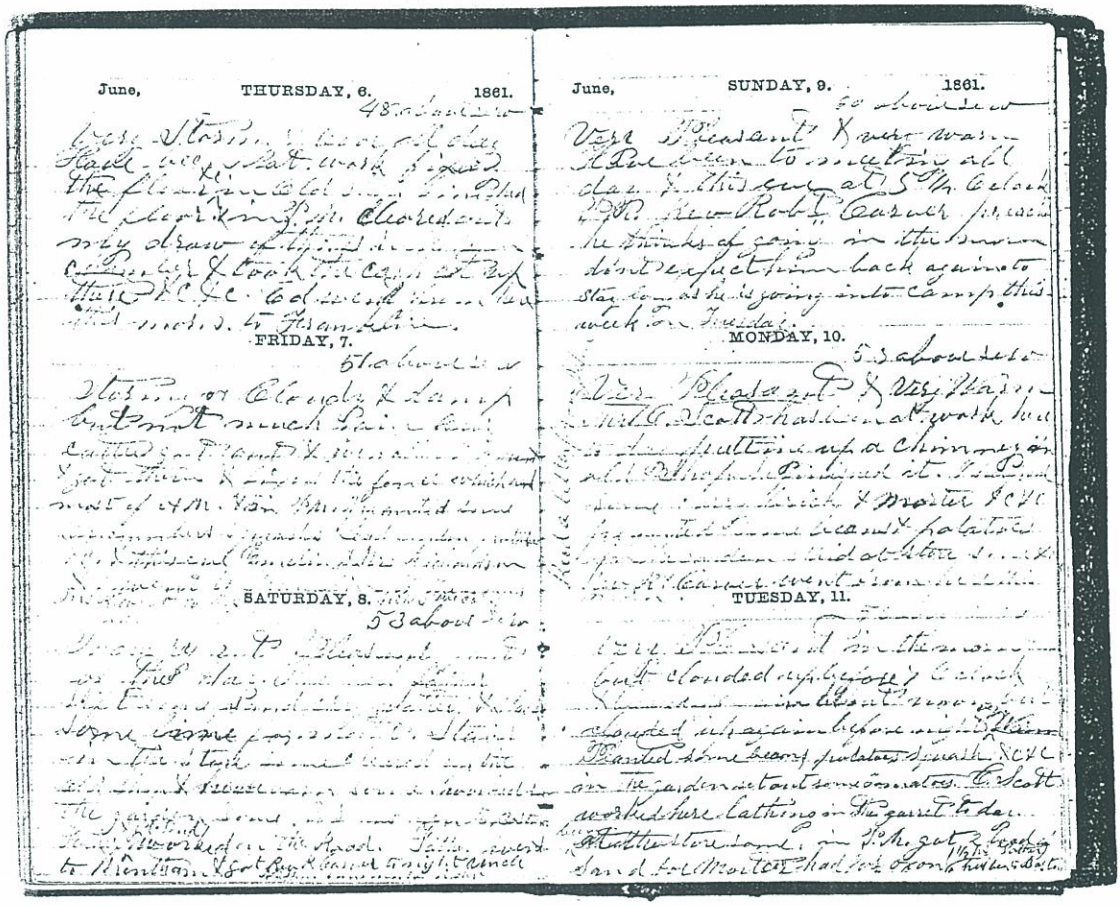
60 above zero

Very pleasant & warm. Started to go to work on the Wright lot but __?__ Mr. P. Adams at work on the road with the scraper & we, Ed & I, went to work with them. Made scraper pick out stones & trimed out brush & c. on the road 10 hs. Ed worked with us for father & father worked.

WEDNESDAY 5

49 above zero

Very pleasant & cool. Have been in A.M. at work on the Wright lot. Ed helped me. We planted potatoes & beens, some seedlings & some early potatoes & a few Wood potatoes. Finished in A.M. & in P.M. cultivated & furrowed the garden & planted some pees, beens & potatoes. Ed helped. M. Daniels plastered a beet bed on __?__today. Rode in the boat this eve with a lot.



June THURSDAY 6 1861

48 above zero

Very stormy & cool all day. Have been at work fixing the floor in old shop. Finished the floor in P.M. Cleared out my draw of things in kitchen chamber & took the carpet up there & c & c. Ed went from here this more to Franklin.

FRIDAY 7

51 above zero

Stormy or cloudy & damp but not much rain. Our cattle got out & we, father & I, went & got them & fixed the fence which took most of A.M. & in P.M. planted some cucumbers, squashes, Seady london potatoes & c. & this eve Emeline & Mrs. Richardson & I went to Franklin to the __?__. Mrs. R. went to Mrs Fishers . We called.

SATURDAY 8

53 above zero

Showers yet, pleasant part of the day. Helped father sift some sand, cary watter & stack some lime for morter. Staid in the store some. Cleared up the old shop & horse barn some. Worked in the garden some. Jos. has been to Boston. Father & J. P. Pond worked on the Road. Father went to Wrentham & got Rev. R. Carver to night. Uncle Nathan came up to night.

June SUNDAY 9 1861

60 above zero

Very pleasant & very warm. Have been to meeting all day & this eve at 5 1/2 o'clock P.M. Rev. Robt Carver preached. He thinks of going in the morn. do'nt expect him back again to stay long ,as he is going into camp this week on Tuesday.

MONDAY 10

53 above zero

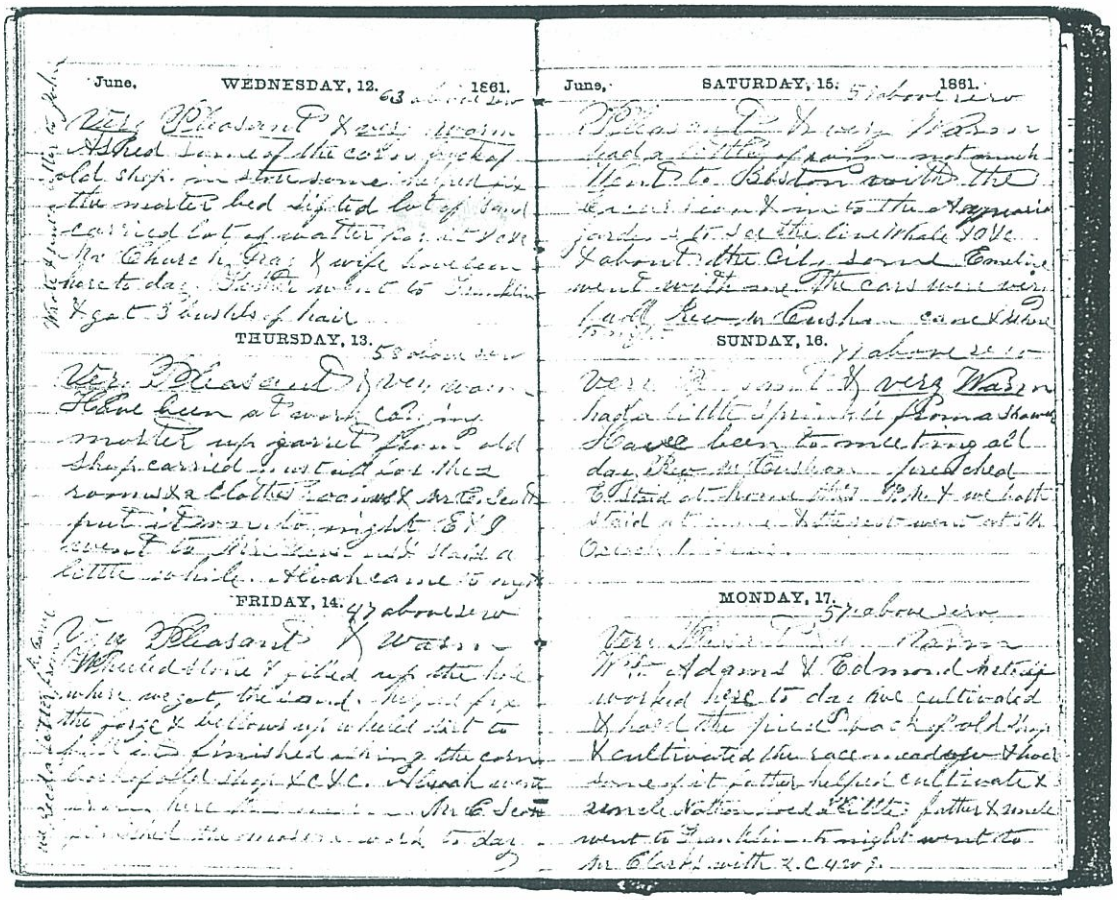
Very pleasant & very warm. Mr. C. Scott has been at work here to day putting up a chimney in old shop. He finished it. I helped some carry brick & morter & c & c. Planted some beans & potatoes in the garden. Staid at store some & c. Rev. R. Carver went from here this morn.

<u>Recd a letter from John.</u>

TUESDAY 11

56 above zero

Very pleasant in the morn but clouded up before 7 o'clock & cleared off again about noon but clouded up again before night. Warm. Planted some beans, potatoes, squash & c & c. in the garden. Set out some tomatoes. C. Scott worked here lathing in the garret to day. Been about the store some in P.M. Got 1 loads of sand for morter. Hat Jos oxan 1 1/2 hs. Father been to Boston



June WEDNESDAY 12 1861

62 above zero

Very pleasant & very warm. Ashed some of the corn back of old shop. In store some, helped fix the morter bed. Sifted lot of sand, carried lot of watter for it & c & c. Mr. Church Gray & wife have been here to day. Father went to Franklin & got 3 bushls of hair.

Wrote & sent a letter to John.

THURSDAY 13

58 above zero

Very pleasant & very warm. Have been at work carying morter up garret from old shop. Carried most all for the 2 rooms & a clothes room & Mr. C. Scott put it on to night. E. & I went to Mr. Phersons & staid a little while. Alvah came to night.

FRIDAY 14

47 above zero

Very pleasant & warm. Wheeled stone & filled up the hole where we got the sand. Helped fix the forge & bellows up. Wheeled dirt to fill at finished __?__ the corn back of old shop & c & c. Alvah went from here this morn. Mr. C. Scott finished the mason work today.

We recd a letter from R. Carver.

June SATURDAY 15 1861

59 above zero

Pleasant & very warm. Had a little rain, not much. Went to Boston with the Excursion & in to the Aquarium Gardens to see the live whale & c & c. & about the City some. Emeline went with me. The cars were very full to night. Rev. M. Cushon came & is here.

SUNDAY 16

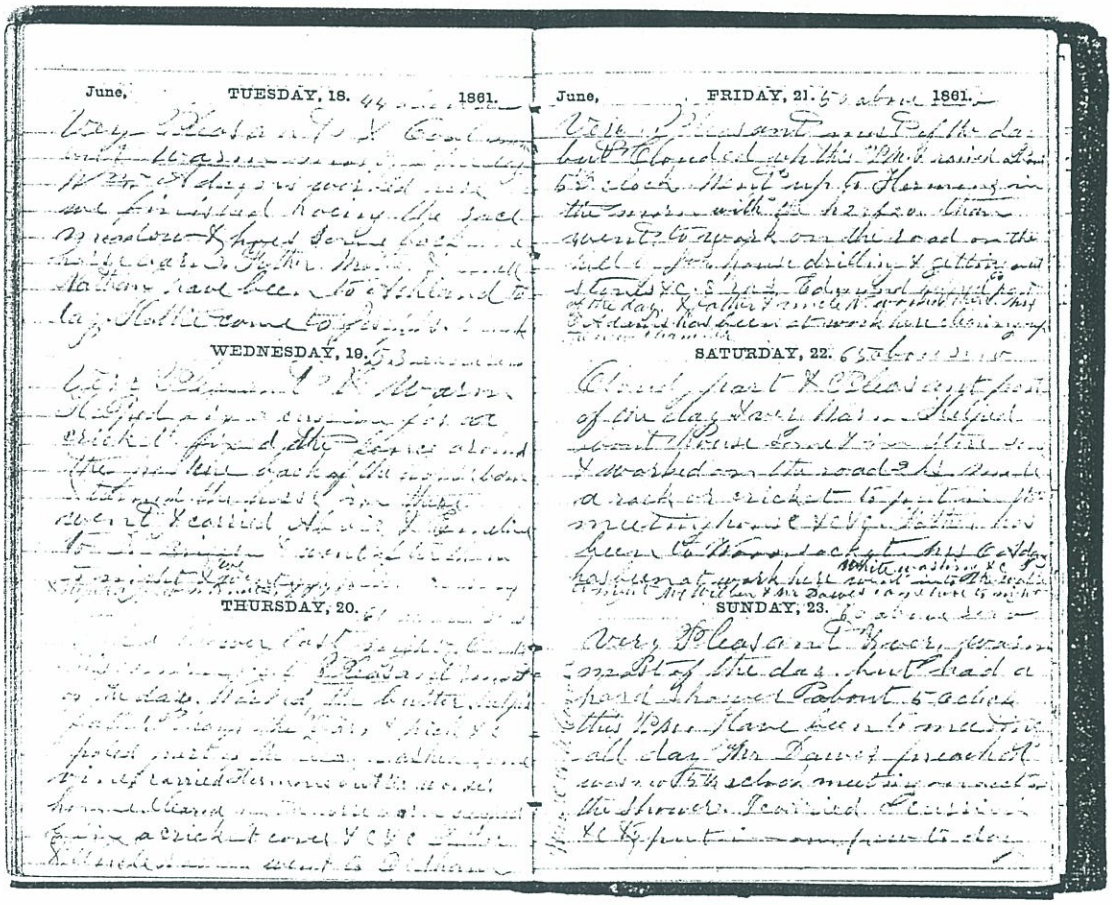
71 above zero

Very pleasant & very warm. Had a little sprinkle from a shower. Have been to meeting all day. Rev. M. Cushon preached. E. staid at home this P.M. & we both staid at home & the rest went at 5 1/2 o'clock this eve.

MONDAY 17

57 above zero

Very pleasant & very warm. Wm. Adams & Edmond Metcalf worked here to day. We cultivated & hoed the piece back of old shop & cultivated the race meadow & back some of it. Father helped cultivate & Uncle Nathan hoed a very little. Father & Uncle went to Franklin to night. Went to Mr. Clarks with 2 C U W G.



June TUESDAY 18 1861

44 above zero

Very pleasant & cool morn but warm most of the day. Wm. Adams worked here. We finished hoeing the race meadow & hoes some back of the horse barn. Father, Mother & Uncle Nathan have been to Ashland to day. Hattie came to Josephs to work.

WEDNESDAY 19

53 above zero

Very pleasant & warm. Helped fix a cussion for a cricket. Fixed the fence around the pasture, back of the horse barn & turned the horse in there. Went & carried Abbie & Emeline to D. T. Briggses & went after them to night & we went up to Mr. Phersons & stopped a few minutes & c & c.

THURSDAY 20

61 above zero

Had a shower last night, cloudy this morn but pleasant most of the day. Worked the butter. Helped father sharp the iron bars & pick & c. Poled part of the beans. Ashed some vines. Carried Hermons butter worker home. Cleared up the horse barn. Helped E. fix a *cricket cover & c & c. Father & Uncle Nathan went to Dedham.

**World book dictionary defines Cricket as "a small low wooden stool"*

June FRIDAY 21 1861

50 above zero

Very pleasant most of the day but clouded up this P.M. & rained about 6 o'clock. Went up to Hermons in the morn with the h 2 3 f 2 0 . Than went to work on the road on the hill by Jos house drilling & getting out stones & c. 81/2 hs Edmond helped part of the day & father & Uncle N. worked there ? Mrs. O. Adams has been at work here cleaning up the new chamber.

SATURDAY 22

65 above zero

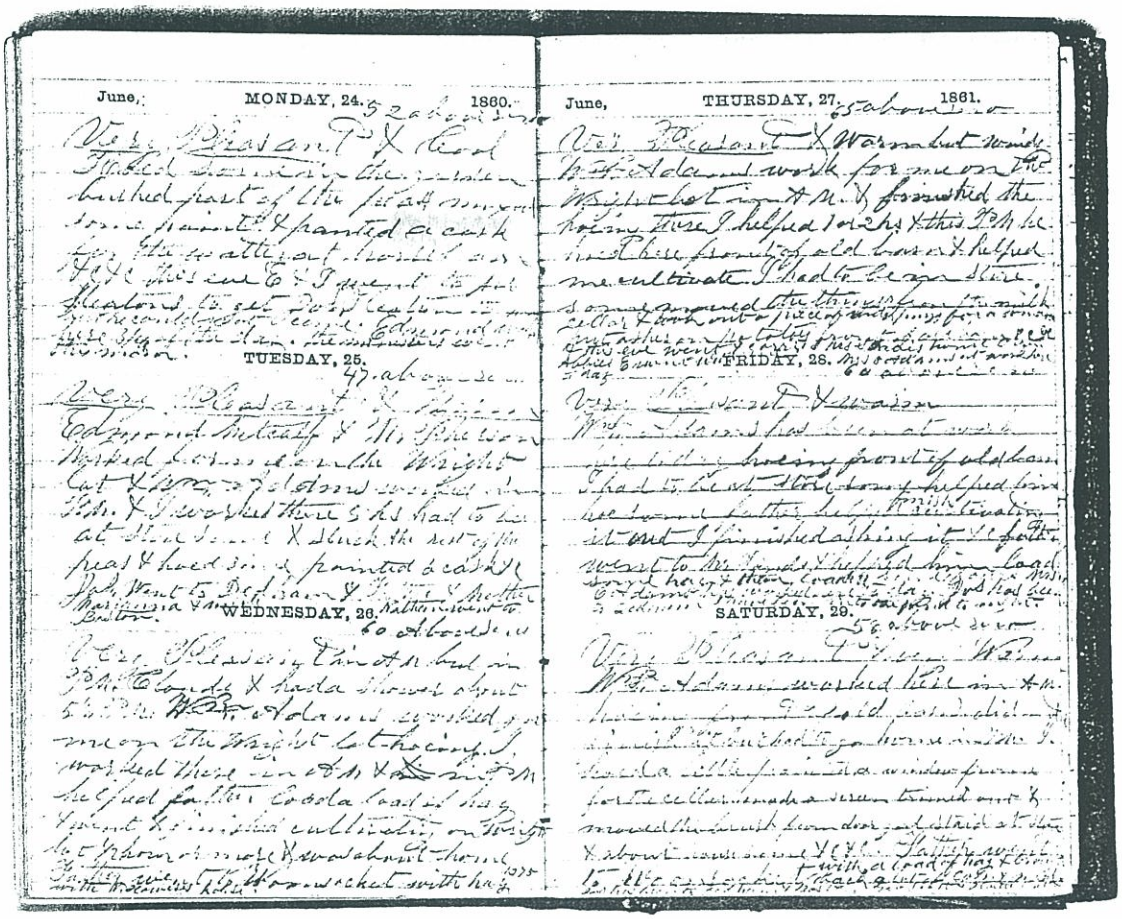
Cloudy part & pleasant part of the day & very warm. Helped about house some & in store some & worked on the road 2 hs. Made a rack or *cricket to put in the meeting house & c. & c. Father has been to Woonsocket. Mrs. O. Adams has been at work here white washing & c. Went into the watter to night. Mr. Wilhem & Mr. Dawes came here to night

SUNDAY 23

60 above zero

Very pleasant & very warm most of the day but had a hard shower about 5 o'clock this P.M. Have been to meeting all day. Mr. Dawes preached. Was no 5 1/2 o'clock meeting on acct of the shower. I carried a cussion & c. to put in our pew to day.

Wrote to R. Carver



June MONDAY 24 1861

52 above zero

Very pleasant & cool. Hoed some in the garden, bushed part of the peas, mixed some paint & painted a cask for the watter at horse barn & c & c. This eve E. & I went to Mr. Heatons to get Jos. Heaton to work but he could not come. Edmond worked here 3/4 of the day. The minister went this morn.

TUESDAY 25

47 above zero

Very pleasant & warm. Edmond Metcalf & Mr. Pherson worked for me on the Wright lot & Wm Adams worked in P.M. & I worked there 5 hs. Had to be at the store some & stuck the rest of the peas & hoed some . Painted a cask & c. Jos went to Dedham & Father & Mother, Marianna & Uncle Nathan went to Boston.

WEDNESDAY 26

60 above zero

Very pleasant in A.M. but in P.M. cloudy & had a shower about 5 1/4 P.M. Wm Adams worked for me on the Wright lot hoeing. I worked there in A.M. & in P.M. helped father load a load of hay & went & finished cutting on the Wright lot 1/2 hour or more & was about home. Father went to Woonsocket with hay 1375 with N. Haweses horse.

June THURSDAY 27 1861

65 above zero

Very pleasant & warm but windy. Wm. Adams work for me on the Wright lot in A.M. & finished the hoeing there. I helped 1 or 2 hs & this P.M. he hoed here front of old barn & helped me cultivate. I had to be in store some. Moved the things from the milk cellar & took out a piece of __?__ for a __?__.Put ashes on potatoes front of old barn & c & this eve went & carried Mrs. __?__ home __?__. Abbie & E. went with me. Mrs. O. Adams at work here .

FRIDAY 28

60 above zero

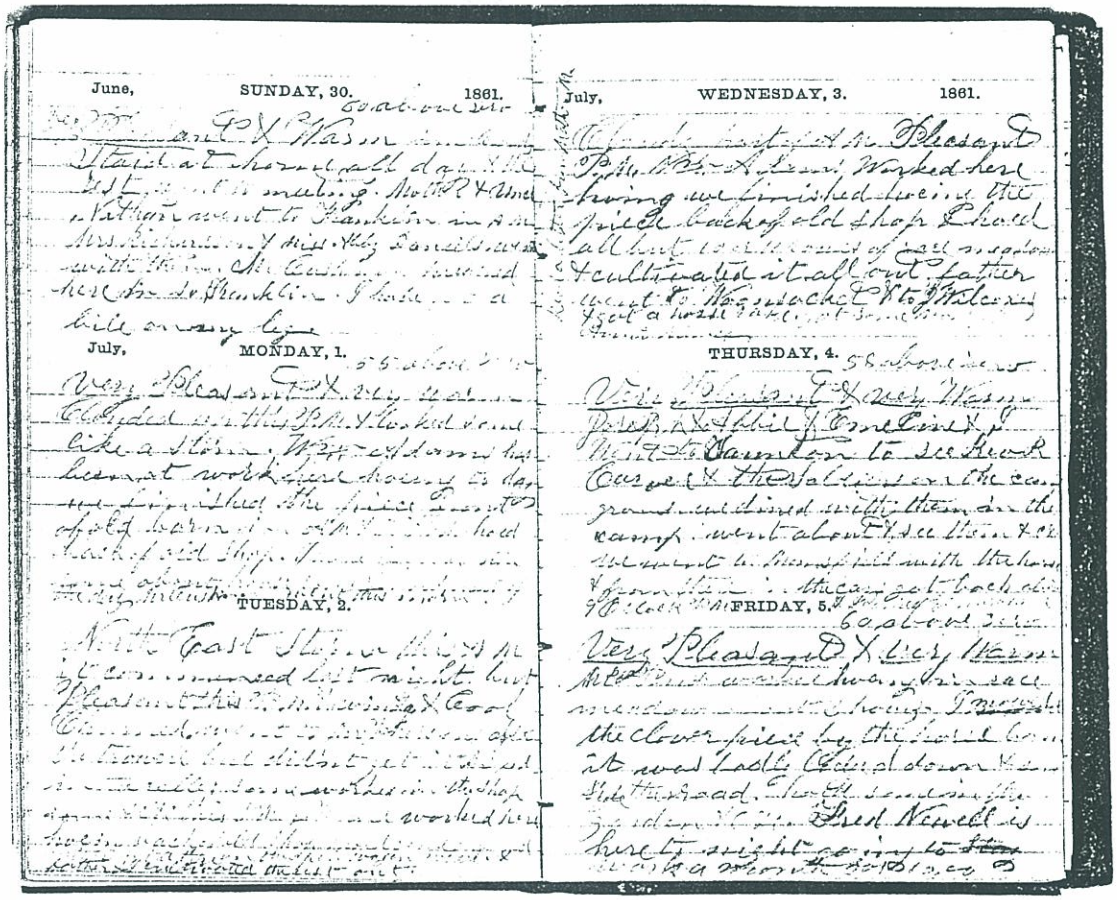
Very pleasant & warm. Wm. Adams has been at work here to day hoeing front of old barn. I had to be at store some. Helped him hoe some. Father helped finish cultivating it, I finished ashing it & c. Father went to Mr. Ponds & helped him load some hay & then loaded some of ours. Mrs. O. Adams has worked here to day. Jos has been to Dedham. I have been into the pond to night.

SATURDAY 29

58 above zero

Very pleasant & very warm. Wm. Adams worked here in A.M. hoeing front of old barn, did'nt finish it but had to go home in P.M. I hoed a little, painted a window frame for the cellar, made a screen, trimed out & mowed the brush from door yard. Staid at store & about house some & c & c.

Father went to Woonsocket with a load of hay & brought back a lot of corn & meal. Jos has been to Dedham & Boston. _____?_____.



June SUNDAY 30 1861

50 above zero

Very pleasant & warm, some cloudy. Staid at home all day & the rest went to meeting. Mother & Uncle Nathan went to Franklin in A.M. Mrs. Richardson & Miss Abby Daniels went with them. Mr. Cushman preached here in So. Franklin. I have got a bite on my leg.

July MONDAY 1

55 above zero

Very pleasant & very warm. Clouded up this P.M. & looked some like a storm. Wm. Adams has been at work here hoeing to day. We finished the piece front of old barn in A.M. & this P.M. hoed back of old shop. I have been at store some, about house some & hoed part of the day. Mr. Cushman went this morn.

TUESDAY 2

North east storm this A.M., it commenced last night but pleasant this P.M. & windy & cool. Churned. Went to Mr. Phersons after the trowell but did'nt get it. Fixed in the celler some. Worked in the shop some & c & c. This P.M. J. P. Pond worked here hoeing back of old shop. I hoed some & helped father set a tire on the open wagon wheel & father & I cultivated the rest out.

July WEDNESDAY 3 1861

Cloudy part of A.M. Pleasant P.M. Wm Adams worked here hoeing. We finished hoeing the piece back of old shop & hoed all but 10 or 11 rows of race meadow & cultivated it all out. Father went to Woonsocket & to J. Wilcoxes & got a horse rake. Got some money for Aunt Nancy.

Recd a letter from Martha M.

THURSDAY 4

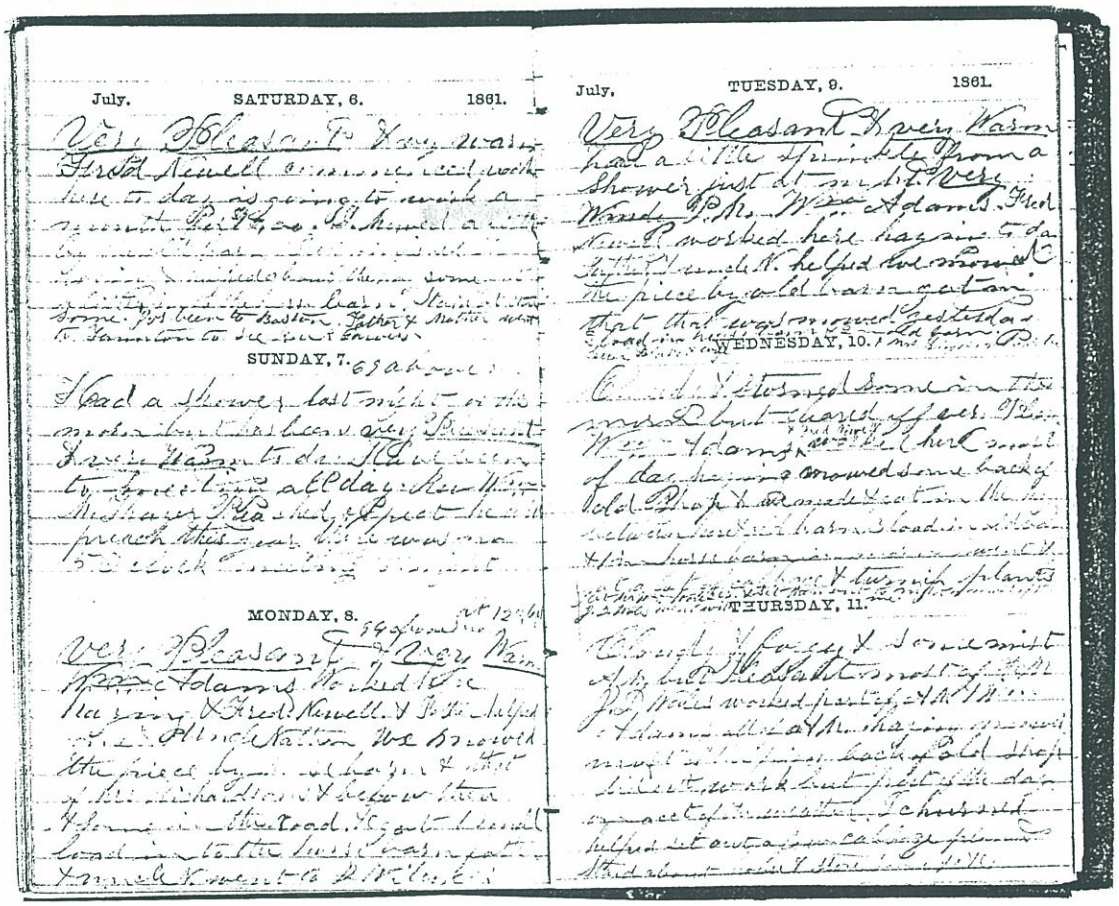
58 above zero

Very pleasant & very warm. Joseph & Abbie & Emeline & I went to Taunton to see Rev. R. Carver & the Soldiers on the camp ground. We dined with them in the camp. Went about & see them & c & c. We went to Mansfield with the horse & from therein the cars, got back about 9 o'clock P.M. & I carried Elmira home.

FRIDAY 5

60 above zero

Very pleasant & very warm. Mr. J. P. Pond worked hoeing in race meadow about 3 hours. I mowed the clover piece by the horse barn. It was badly __?__ down & some side the road. Hoed some in the garden & c & c. Fred Newell is here to night going to work a month for $10.00.



July 6 SATURDAY 6 1861

Very pleasant & very warm. Fred Newell commenced work here to day, is going to work a month for $10.00 I mowed a little by the old barn. Fred finished the hoeing & helped about the hay some. Got a little in the horse barn. Staid at store some. Jos been to Boston. Father & mother went to Taunton to see Rev. R. Carver.

SUNDAY 7

69 above zero

Had a shower last night or this morn but has been very pleasant & very warm to day. Have been to meeting all day. Rev. Wm M. Thayer preached, expect he will preach this year. There was no 5 o'clock meeting to night.

MONDAY 8

94 above zero at 12 1/2

Very pleasant & very warm. Wm. Adams worked here haying & Fred Newell & Father helped some & Uncle Nathan. We mowed the piece by horse barn & that of Mrs. Richardsons & below there & some in the road & c. Got 1 small load in to the horse barn. Father & Uncle N. went to D. Wilcoxes.

July TUESDAY 9 1861

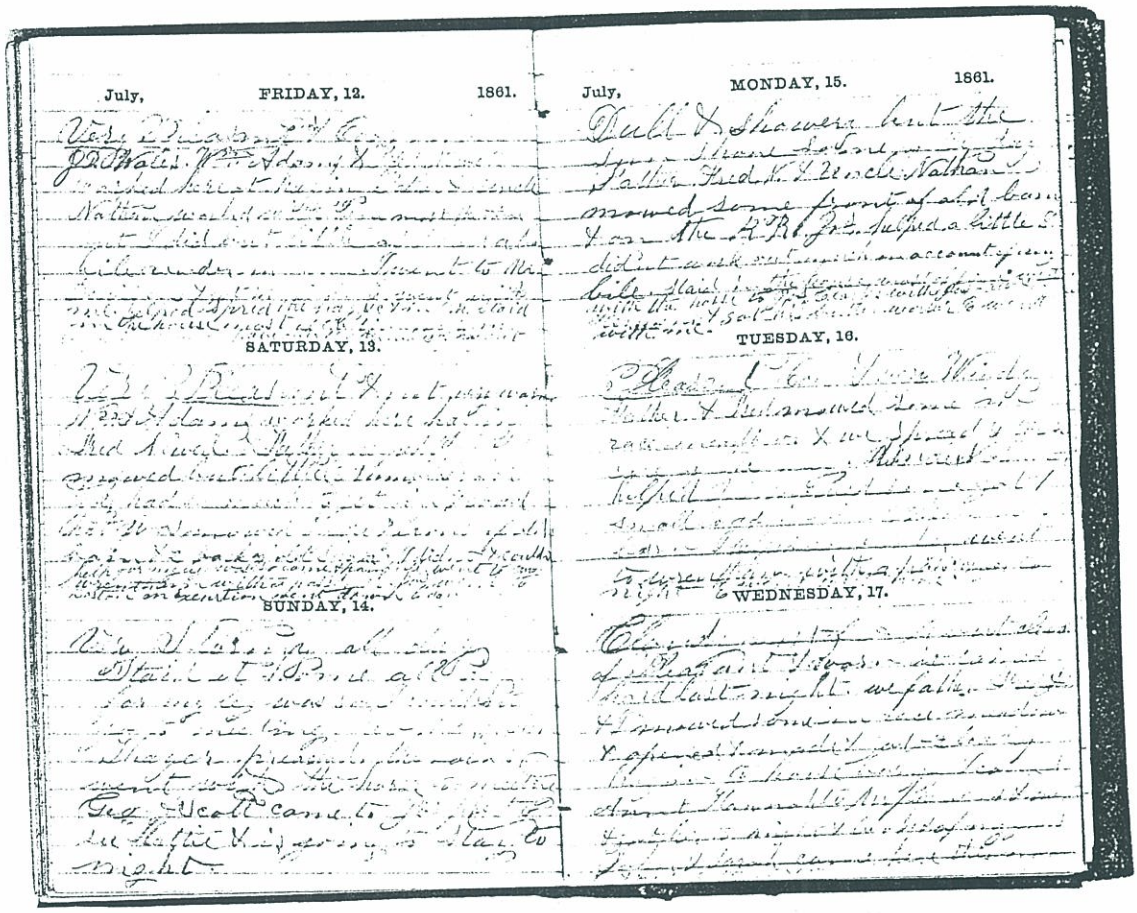
Very pleasant & very warm. Had a little sprinkle from a shower just at night. Very windy P.M. Wm Adams. Fred Newell worked here haying to day. Father & Uncle N. helped. We mowed the piece by old barn. Got in that that was mowed yesterday, 2 load in horse barn & 2 in old barn. Levi Blake & wife & Mrs. Kingsbury here to day.

WEDNESDAY 10

Cloudy & stormed some in the morn but cleared off , very pleasant. Wm. Adams & Fred Newell worked here most of day haying. Mowed some back of old shop & we made & got in the hay between horse & old barn in morn. I went & got a lot of cabbage & turnip plants at Mr. Wm. Waleses & set them out to night or most of them. J. D. Wales went with me.

THURSDAY 11

Cloudy & foggy & some mist A.M. but pleasant most of P.M. J. D. Wales worked part of A.M. & Wm. Adams all of A.M. haying. Mowed most of the piece back of old shop. Did'nt work but part of the day on acct of the weather. I churned. Help set out a few cabbage plants. Staid about house & store some & c & c.



July FRIDAY 12 1861

Very Pleasant & cool for July. J. D. Wales, Wm Adams & Fred Newell worked here at haying. Father & Uncle Nathan worked with them most the time but I did but little as I have a bad bile under my knee. I went to Mr. Davisons & got some ribbon. E. went with me. Helped spred the hay & c & in P.M. Staid in the house most of the time for my leg pained me so. Have over 160 tumbles of hay out.

SATURDAY 13

Very pleasant & not very warm. Wm Adams worked here haying & Fred Newell & Father helped them. Mowed but little (8 tumbles) for they has so much to get in, 9 load that was mowed before, 7 front of old barn & 2 back of old shop. I did'nt & could'nt help for my leg was so lame & painful. Went to Wrentham with a passenger. Jos went to Boston on excurtion went down to day.

SUNDAY 14

Very stormy all day. Staid at home all day for my leg was so I could'nt go to meeting. Rev. Wm. M. Thayer preached. The folks went with the horse to meeting. Geo A. Scott came to Josephs to see Hattie & is going to stay to night.

July MONDAY 15 1861

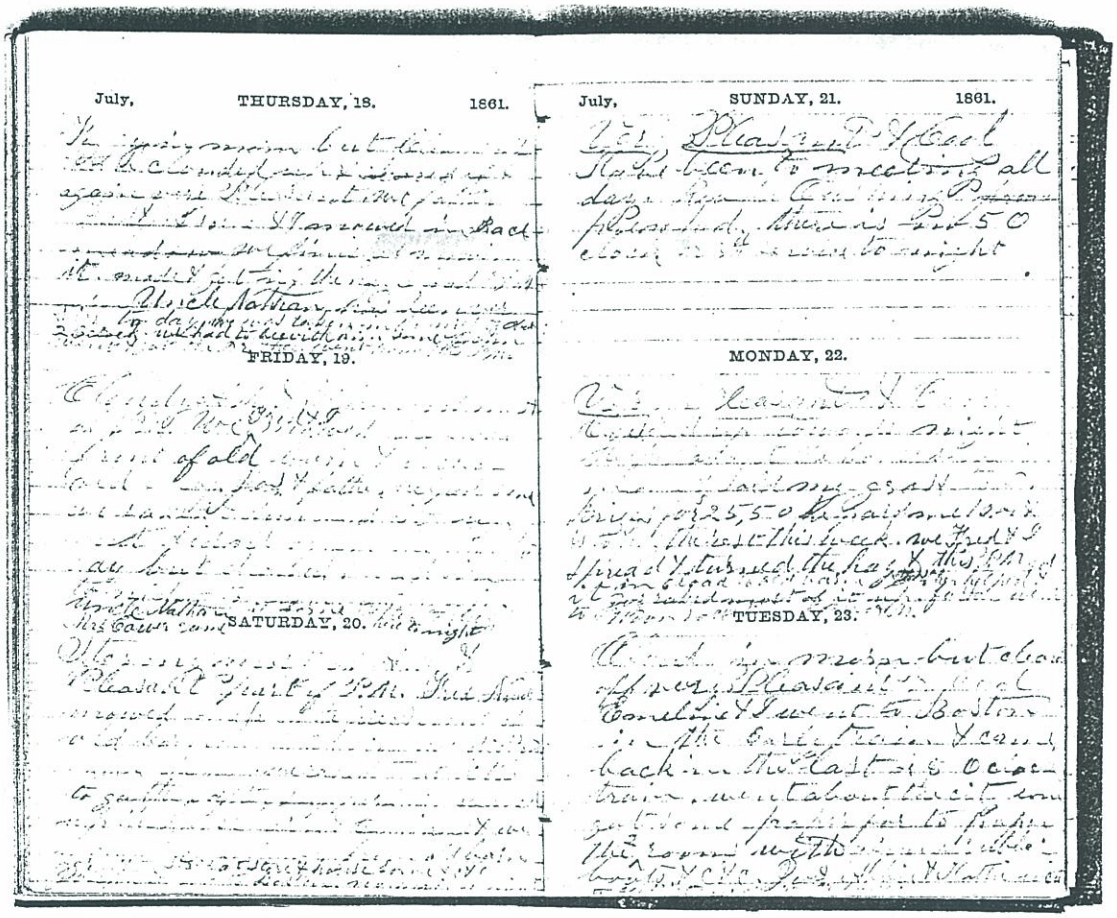
Dull & showery but the sun shone some of the day. Father, Fred N. & Uncle Nathan mowed some front of old barn & on the R. R. Jos helped a little. I did'nt work out much on account of my bile. Staid in the house most of time. Went with the horse to Jos. Clarks with Jos. Saw & to Hermons & got his butter worker. E. went with me.

TUESDAY 16

Pleasant, cool & very windy. Father & Fred mowed some in race meadow & we spread & took care of the hay. Uncle Nathan helped Jos. Mowed some. Got in small load in P.M. to horse barn. I helped some today. Went to Wrentham with a passenger to night. E. went with me.

WEDNESDAY 17

Cloudy most of A.M. but cleared up, pleasant & warm. It rained hard last night. We, father, Fred, Jos. & I mowed some in race meadow & opened & made & got 2 load of hay in the horse barn. I carried Aunt Hannah to Mr. Phersons & went & got her to night & __?__ of my grass. John & Sarah came here this morn & was here to night.



July THURSDAY 18 1861

Foggy in morn but cleared off , then clouded up & cleared off again. Very pleasant. We, father, Fred & Jos __?__ & I mowed in race meadow. We finished mowing it. Made & got in the hay 3 load to old barn. Uncle Nathan has been very sick to day. He was taken in the night, about 2 o'clock . We had to be with him some. John went & got the Dr. They went home this P.M.

FRIDAY 19

Cloudy A.M. & pleasant most of P.M. We, Fred & I, mowed the swale front of old barn & back of old shop. Jos & father helped some. We raked & __?__ it up but did'nt open the hay to day but drawed 1 load in to night , to rain out again. Uncle Nathan is some better to day. Mrs. Carver came here to night.

SATURDAY 20

Stormy most of A.M. & pleasant part of P.M. Fred Newell mowed some (all of the piece) front of old barn, the further side. We did'nt open the hay. We raked that little to gather after supper. Fred cleaned up the horse barn & carriages & we brought some straw & c. from old barn for litter. Staid at store & house some & c & c. Joseph went to Boston. No mail to night.

July SUNDAY 21 1861

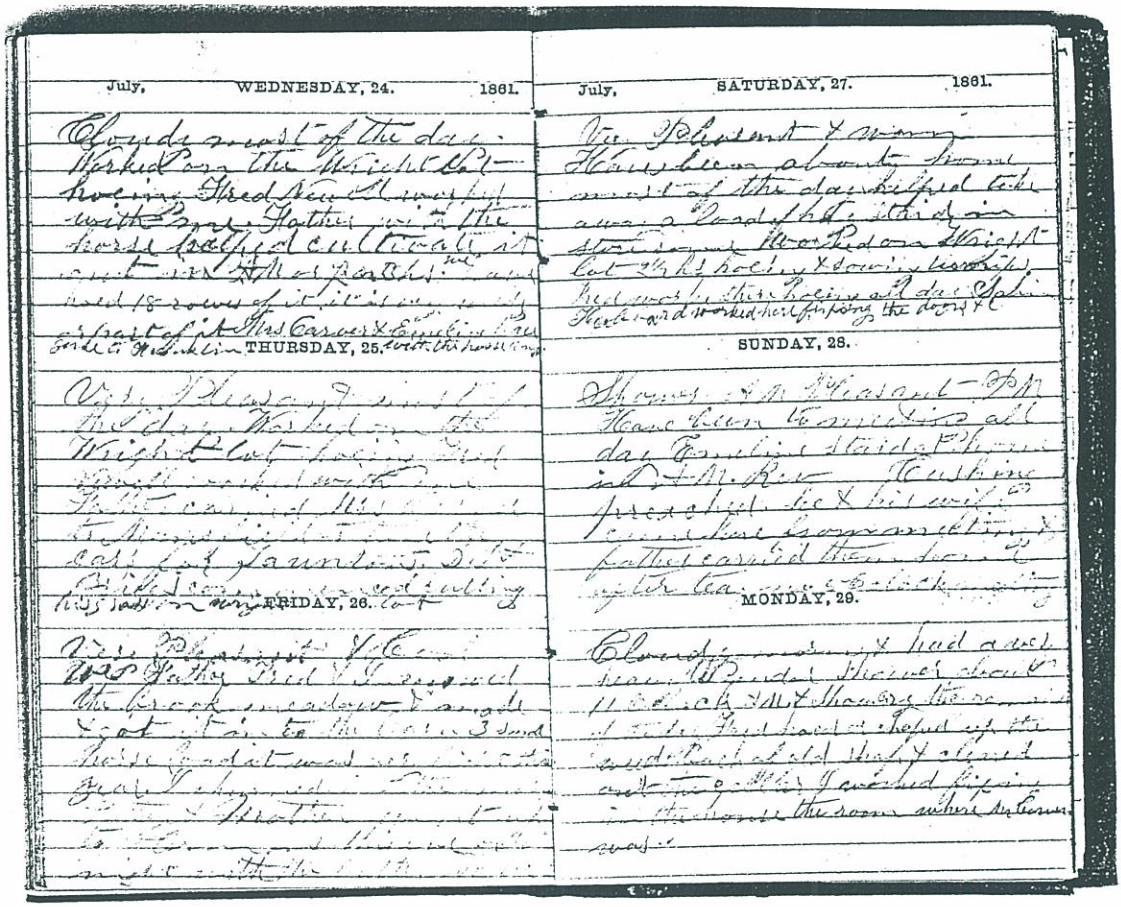
Very pleasant & cool. Have been to meeting all day. Rev. M. Cushing preached. There is no 5 o'clock or 3rd service to night

MONDAY 22

Very pleasant & cool. Clouded up toward night. Helped about the house some in morn & sold my grass to D. T. Briggs for $25.50 He paid me 10.00 & is to pay the rest this week. We, Fred & I spread & turned the hay & this P.M. got it in, 6 load to old barn Father helped & Jos. raked most of it up. Father went to Woonsocket in A.M.

TUESDAY 23

Cloudy in morn but cleared off . Very pleasant & cool. Emeline & I went to Boston in the early train & came back in the last or 8 o'clock train. Went about the city some. Got some paper for to paper the 2 rooms with some rubber boots & c& c. Jos, Abbie & Hattie went to Holliston with the horse.



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July WEDNESDAY 24 1861

Cloudy most of the day. Worked on the Wright lot hoeing. Fred Newell worked with me. Father with the horse helped cultivate it out in P.M. or 2 or 3 hs. We have hoed 18 rows of it, it is very weedy or part of it. Mrs. Carver & Emeline have gone to Franklin with the horse to night.

THURSDAY 25

Very pleasant most the day. Worked on the Wright lot hoeing. Fred Newell worked with me. Father carried Mrs. Carver to Mansfield to take the cars for Taunton. D. T. Briggs commenced cutting his grass on my lot.

FRIDAY 26

Very pleasant & cool. We, father, Fred, & I mowed the brook meadow & made & got it in to the barn, 3 small horse load. It was very light this year. I churned in the morn. Father & mother went up to Hermons this eve or to night with the butter worker.

July SATURDAY 27 1961

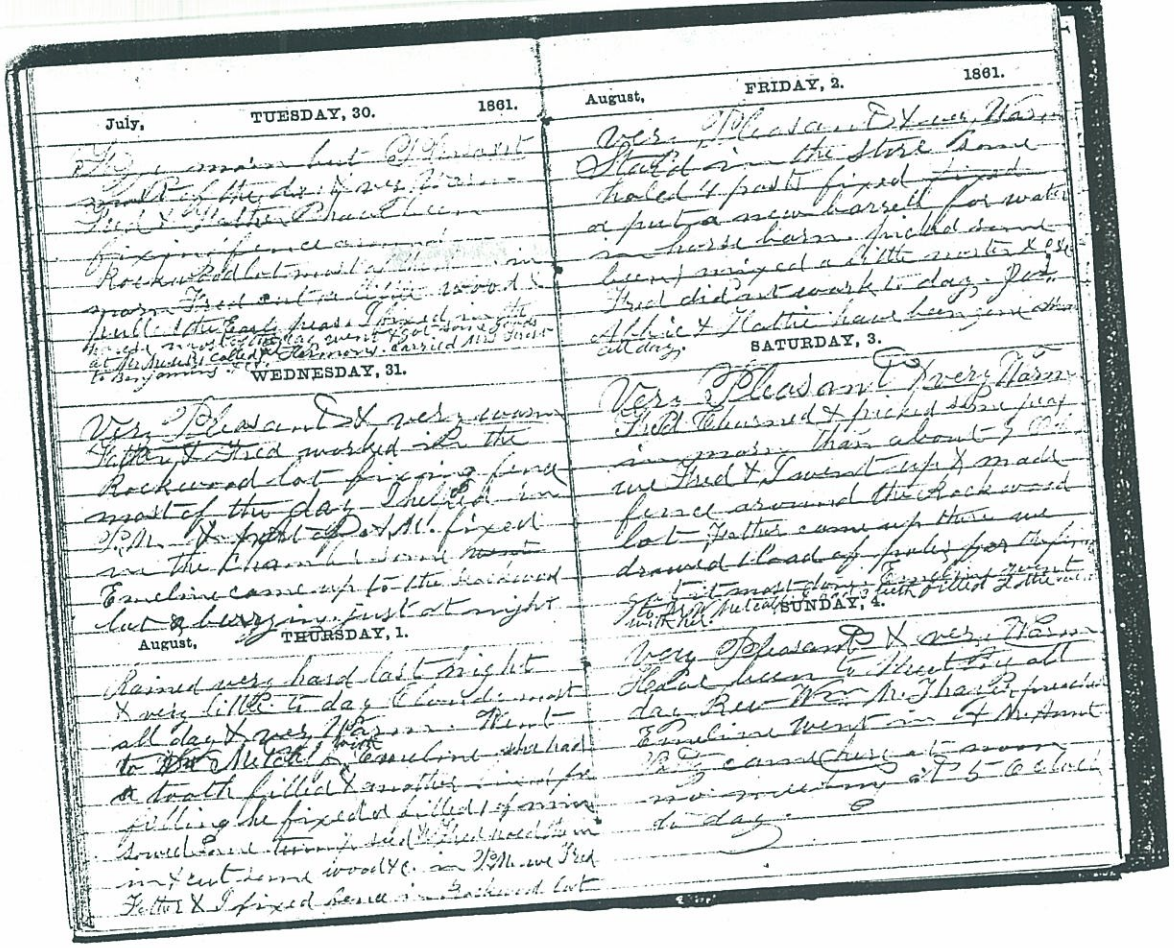
Very pleasant & warm. Have been about home most of the day. Helped take away a load of hay. Staid in store some. Worked on Wright lot 2 1/2 hs hoeing & sowing turnips. Fred worked there hoeing all day. Sabin Hubbard worked here fixing the doors & c.

SUNDAY 28

Shower A.M. Pleasant P.M. Have been to meeting all day. Emeline staid at home in A.M. Rev Cushing preached. He & his wife came here from meeting & father carried them home after tea. No 5 o'clock meeting.

MONDAY 29

Cloudy morn & had a very heavy thunder shower about 11 o'clock A.M. & showery the remains of the day. Fred hoed or choped up the weeds back of old shop & cleared out the cellar. I worked fixing in the house, the room where Mrs. Carver was.



July TUESDAY 30 1861

Foggy morn but pleasant most of the day & very warm. Fred & father have been fixing fence around the Rockwood lot most of the day. In morn Fred cut a little wood & pulled the early peas. I fixed in the house most of the day. Went & got some goods at Mr. Moseses. Called at Hermons. Carried Mrs. Frost to Benjamins & c & c.

WEDNESDAY 31

Very pleasant & very warm. Father & Fred worked in the Rockwood lot fixing fence most of the day. I helped in P.M. Most of A.M. fixed in the chamber some. Emeline came up to the Rockwood lot & berrying just at night.

August THURSDAY 1

Rained very hard last night & very little to day. Cloudy most all day & very warm. Went to Wm Metcalf with Emeline. She had a tooth filled & another fixed for filling. He fixed or filled 1 of mine. Sowed some turnip seed & Fred & Father & I fixed fence in the Rockwood lot.

August FRIDAY 2 1861

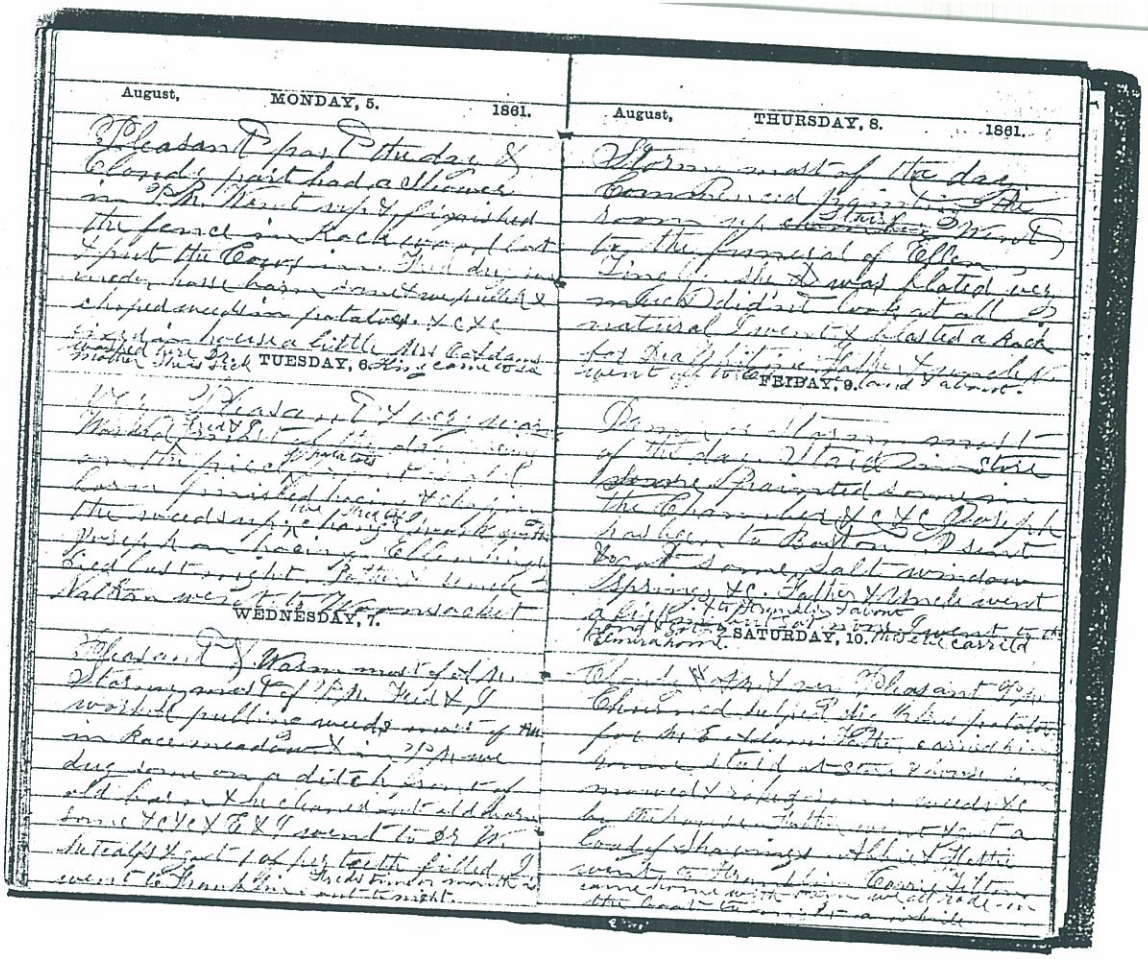
Very pleasant & very warm. Staid in the store some. Holed 4 posts. Fixed or put a new barrel for water in horse barn. Picked some beens. Mixed a little morter & c & c. Fred did'nt work to day. Jos., Abbie & Hattie have been gone some all day.

SATURDAY 3

Very pleasant & very warm. Fred churned & picked some peas in morn. Than about 9 o'clock, we, Fred & I, went up & made fence around the Rockwood lot. Father came up there. We drawed 1 load of poles for the fence. Got it most done. Emeline went to Mr. W. Metcalfs & had 3 teeth filled. Hattie went with her.

SUNDAY 4

Very pleasant & very warm. Have been to meeting all day. Rev. Wm. M. Thayer preached. Emeline went in A.M. Aunt Patty came here at noon. No meeting at 5 o'clock to day.



August MONDAY 5 1861

Pleasant part the day & cloudy part. Had shower in P.M. Went up & finished the fence in Rockwood lot & put the cows in. Fred dug some under horse barn some & we pulled & choped weeds in potatoes & c & c. Fixed in house a little. Mrs. O. Adams washed here. Dr. King came to see Mother. She is sick.

TUESDAY 6

Very pleasant & very warm. Worked, Fred & I, most of the day hoeing on the piece, of potatoes, front of old barn. Finished hoeing & choping the weeds up. We, Fred & I, change work with Joseph on hoeing. Ellen Tingley died last night. Father & Uncle Nathan went to Woonsocket.

WEDNESDAY 7

Pleasant & warm most of A.M. Stormy most of P.M. Fred & I worked pulling weeds most of A.M. in race meadow & in P.M. we dug some on a ditch front of old barn & he cleaned out old barn some & c & c. E. & I went to Dr. W. Metcalfs & got 1 of her teeth filled. I went to Franklin. Fred's time or month is out to night.

August THURSDAY 8 1861

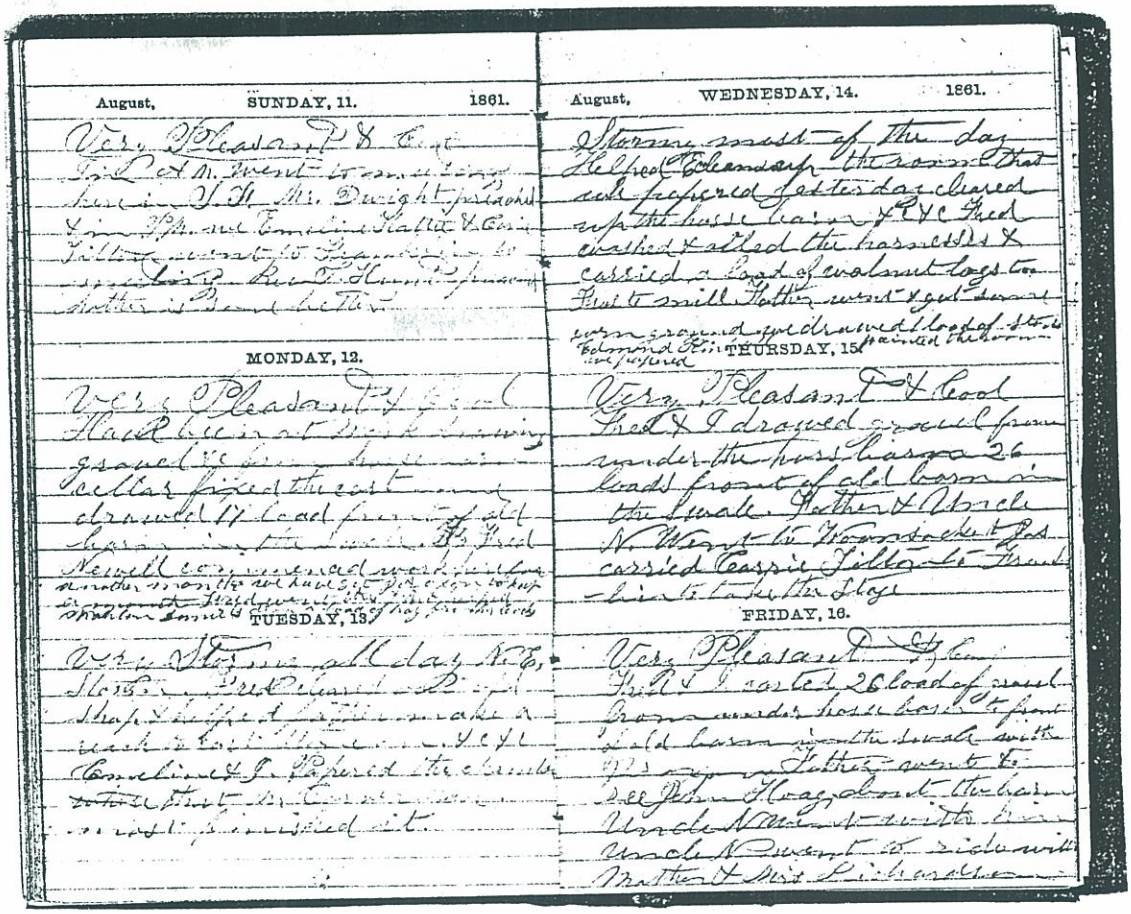
Stormy most of the day. Commenced painting the room up stairs. Went to the funeral of Ellen Tingley. She was bloted very much. Did'nt look at all natural. I went & blasted a rock for Dea Whiting. Father & Uncle N. went off to __?__ land & about.

FRIDAY 9

Damp or stormy most of the day. Staid in store some. Painted some in the chamber & c & c. Joseph has been to Boston. I sent & got some salt, window springs & c. Father & Uncle went a fishing (& to Franklin & about) but got none. I went to pond & got 2. This eve carried Elmira home.

SATURDAY 10

Cloudy A.M. & very pleasant P.M. Churned, helped dig 1/2 bus. potatoes for Mr. E. Adams. Father carried him home. Staid at store & house some. Mowed & raked some weeds & c. by the house. Father went & got a load of shavings. Abbie & Hattie went to Franklin. Carrie Tilton came home with them. We all road in the boat to night a while.



August SUNDAY 11 1861

Very pleasant & cool. In A.M. went to meeting here in S.F. Mr. Dwight preached & in P.M. We, Emeline, Hattie & Carrie Tilton went to Franklin to meeting. Rev S. Hunt preached. Mother is some better.

MONDAY 12

Very pleasant & cool. Have been at work drawing gravel & c from horse barn, cellar, fixed the cart some. Drawed 17 load front of old barn in the swale. Fred Newell commenced work here for another month. We have got Jos. oxan to keep a month. Fred went this P.M. & helped Mahlon Daniels draw a load of hay from M. Cook.

TUESDAY 13

Very Stormy all day. N. E. storm. Fred cleared out old shop & helped father make a reach to cart store on & c. & c. Emeline & I papered the chamber that Mrs. Carver had. Most finished it.

August WEDNESDAY 14 1861

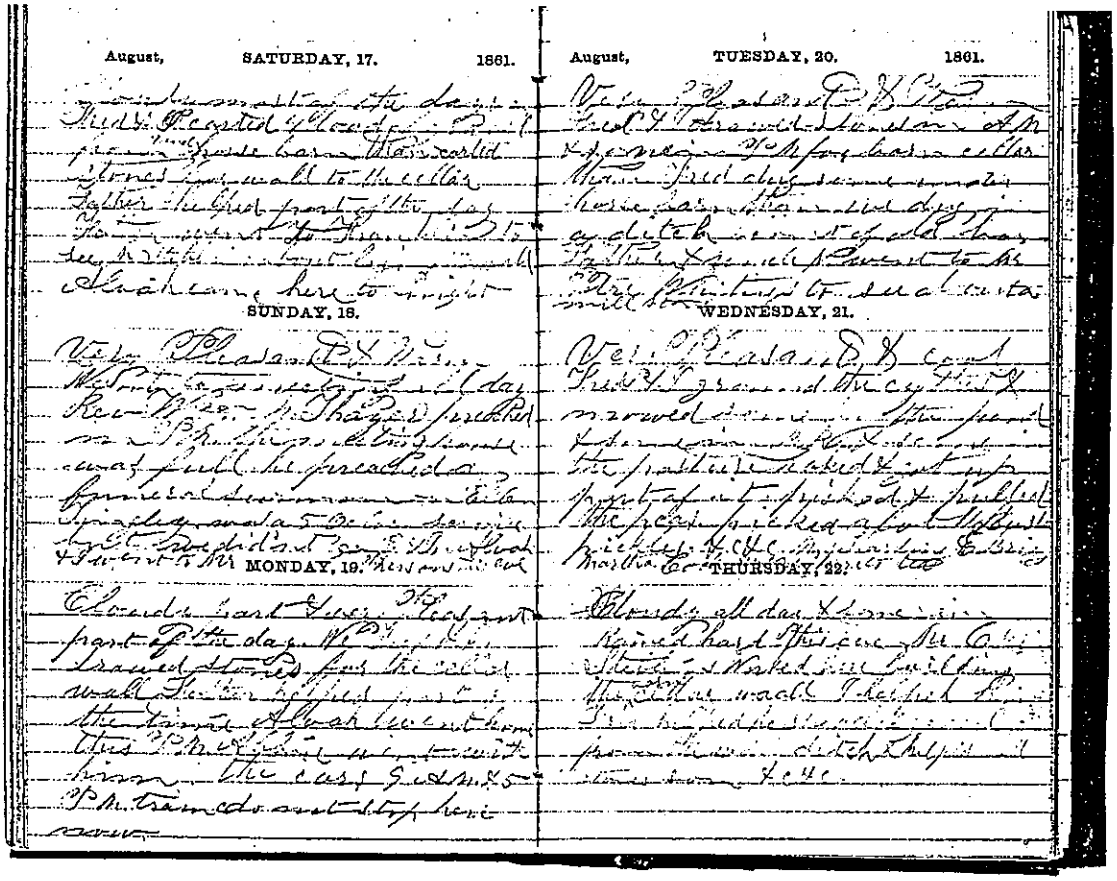
Stormy most of the day. Helped E. clean up the room that we papered yesterday. Cleared up the horse barn & c & c. Fred washed & oiled the harnesses & carried a load of walnut logs to Frosts mill. Father went & got some corn ground. We drawed 1 load of stones. Edmond Kimball painted the room we papered.

THURSDAY 15

Very pleasant & cool. Fred & I drawed gravel from under the horse barn 26 loads front of old barn in the swale. Father & Uncle N. went to Woonsocket. Jos. carried Carrie Tilton to Franklin to take the Stage.

FRIDAY 16

Very pleasant & cool. Fred & I carted 26 load of gravel from under horse barn to front of old barn in the swale with Jos. oxan. Father went to see John Hoag about the barn. Uncle N. went with him. Uncle N. went to ride with mother & Mrs. Richardson.



August SATURDAY 17 1861

Cloudy most of the day & windy. Fred & I carted 4 load of gravel from under horse barn, than carted stones for all to the cellar. Father helped part of the day. Father went to Franklin to see Mr. Stebbins about laying the __?__. Alvah came here to night.

SUNDAY 18

Very pleasant & warm. Went to meeting all day. Rev. Wm. N. Thayer preached in P.M. The meeting house was full. He preached a funeral sermon on Ellen Tingley. Was at 5 o'clock service but we did'nt go E. & I. Alvah & I went to Mr. Phersons this eve.

MONDAY 19

Cloudy part & very pleasant part of the day. We, Fred & I, drawed stones for the cellar wall. Father helped part of the time. Alvah went home this P.M. Abbie went with him. The cars 9 A.M. & 5 P.M. train do not stop here now.

August TUESDAY 20 1861

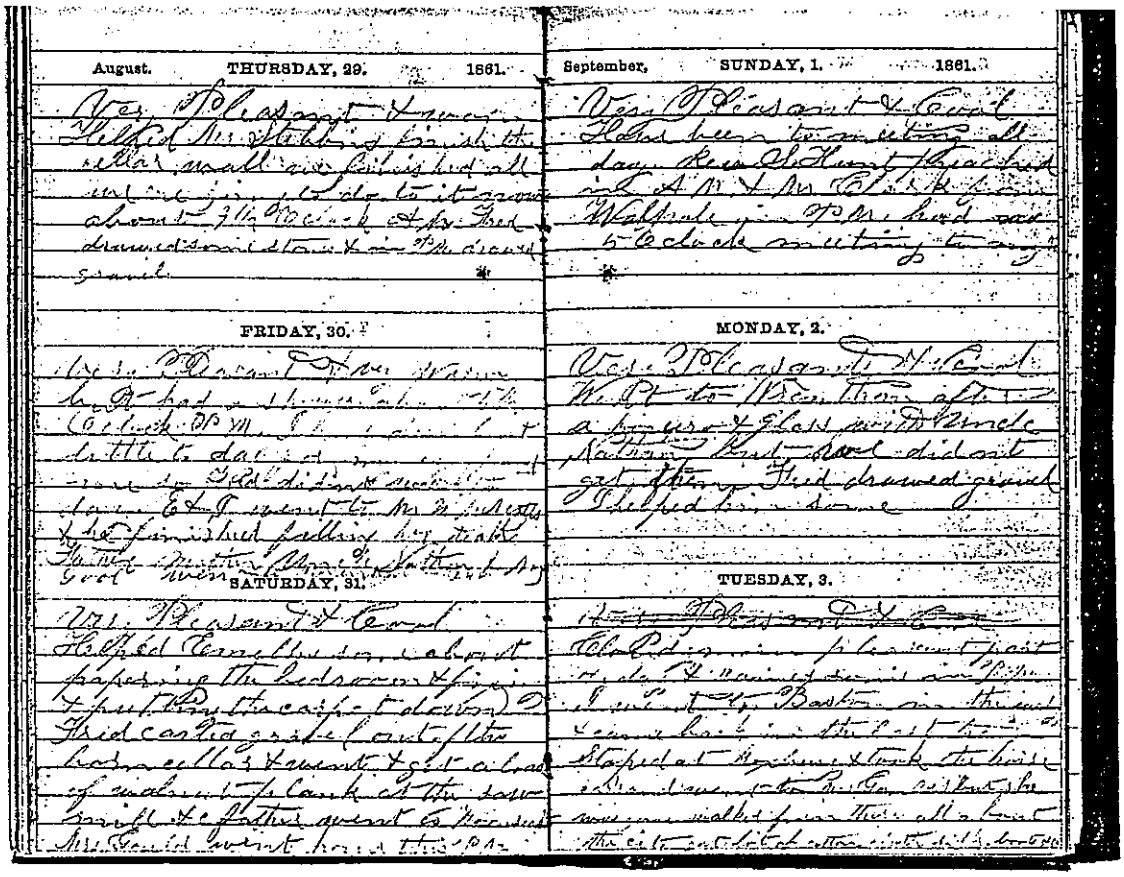
Very pleasant & warm. Fred & I drawed stones in A.M. & some in P.M. for barn cellar, than Fred dug some under horse barn, than we dug in a ditch front of old barn. Father & Uncle N. went to Mr. Peter Whitings to see about a mill stone.

WEDNESDAY 21

Very pleasant & cool. Fred & I ground the cythes & mowed some by the pond & some in R.R. & some in the pasture. Raked & got up part of it. Picked & pulled the peas. Picked a lot 11 bushl. pickles & c & c. Mrs. Harding, E. Briggs, Martha Cook were here to tea.

THURSDAY 22

Cloudy all day & some rain. Rained hard this eve. Mr. Chs. Stebbins worked here building the barn cellar wall. I helped him. Fred helped. He shoveled gravel from the wall ditch & helped hall stones some & c. & c.



August FRIDAY 23 1861

Very pleasant & cool, rained hart last night. Mr. Stebbins worked here on the barn cellar wall. I helped , Fred shoveled 1 load of gravel & drawed some. Mr. Pherson worked here in P.M., splitting stone. Jos & Hattie went to Ashland. Staid in store some this eve.

SATURDAY 24

Very pleasant & very warm. Helped Mr. Stebbins lay wall in the barn cellar. Staid at store some. Fred drawed some stones, carted out some gravel & helped Mahlon Daniels plow a little piece & c. Mr. Pherson worked here splitting stones. Jos, Abbie, Hattie & the children came home from Ashland to night.

SUNDAY 25

Very pleasant & warm. Have been to meeting all day. e. did'nt go in A.M. Rev. Wm. P. Thayer preached. Uncle Nathan & Abbie went to Franklin in A.M. No five o'clock meeting to night. E. went with me after the cows in the Rockwood lot to night.

August MONDAY 26 1861

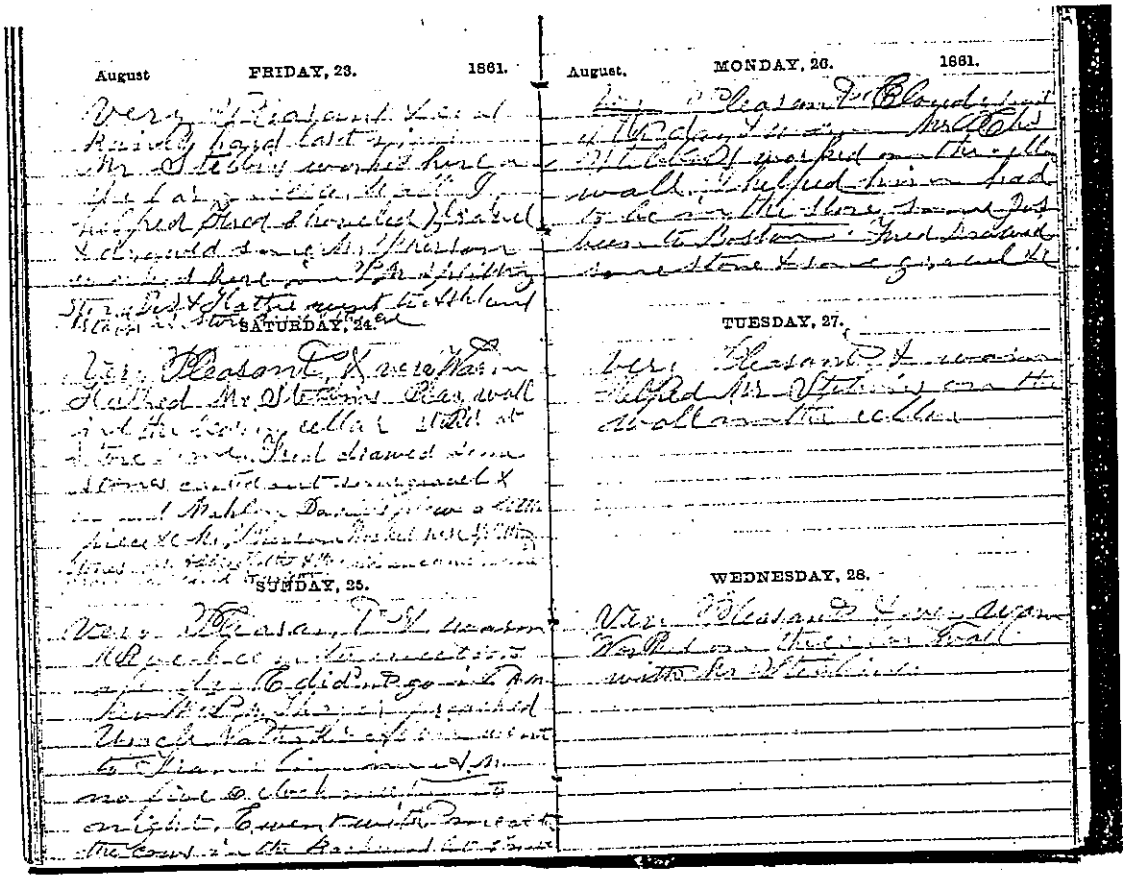
Very pleasant, cloudy part of the day & warm. Mr. Chs Stebbins worked on the cellar wall. I helped him, had to be in the store some. Jos been to Boston. Fred drawed some stone & some gravel & c.

TUESDAY 27

Very pleasant & warm. Helped Mr. Stebbins on the wall in the cellar.

WEDNESDAY 28

Very pleasant & very warm. Worked on the cellar wall with Mr. Stebbins.



August THURSDAY 29 1861

Very pleasant & warm. Helped Mr. Stebbins finish the cellar wall. We. finished all we are going to do to it now. About 9 1/2 o'clock A.M. Fred drawed some stones & in P.M. drawed gravel.

FRIDAY 30

Very pleasant & very warm but had a shower about 5 1/2 o'clock P.M. I have done but little to day for my eye pained me so. Fred did'nt work to day. E. & I went to Mr. Metcalfs & he finished filling her tooth. Father, Mother, Uncle Nathan & Mrs. Gould went to Wrentham.

SATURDAY 31

Very pleasant & cool. Helped Emeline some about papering the bedroom & fixing & putting the carpet down. Fred carted gravel out of the barn cellar & went & get a load of walnut planks at the saw mill & c. Father went to Woonsocket. Mrs. Gould went home this P.M.

September SUNDAY 1 1861

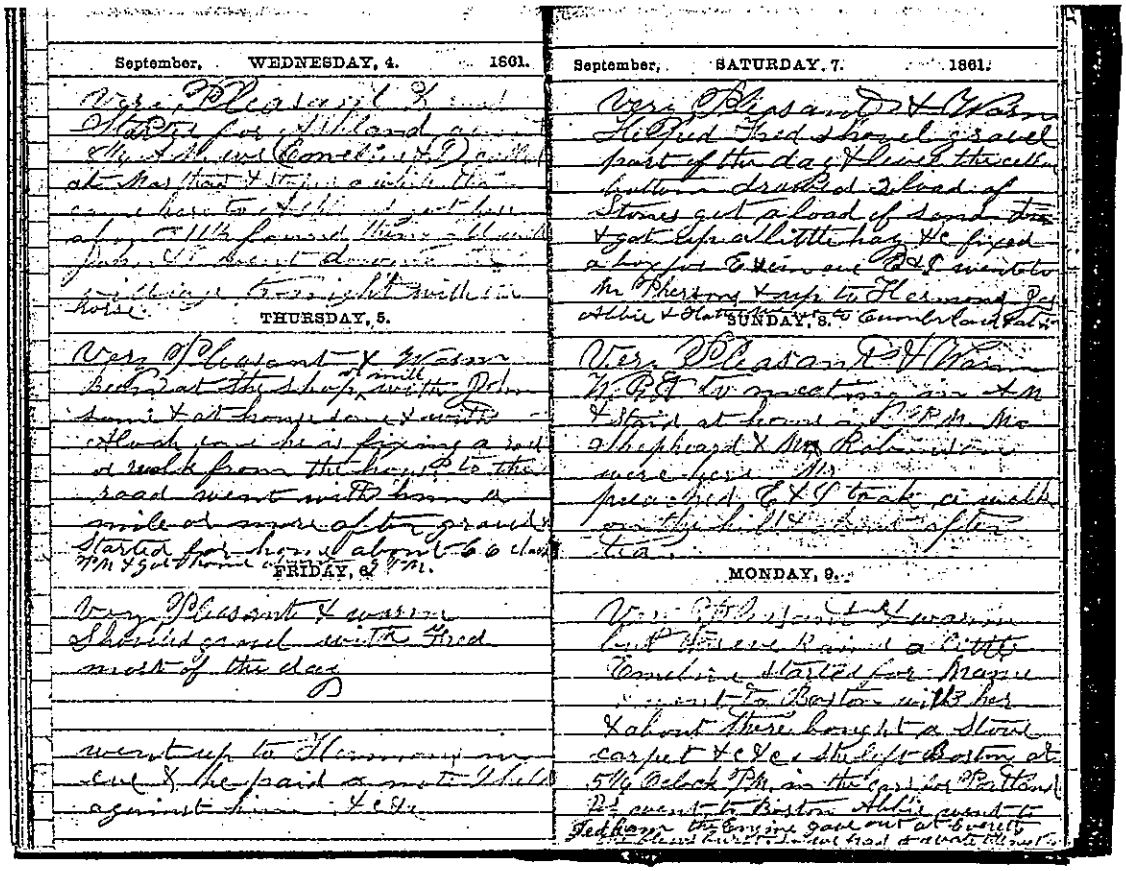
Very pleasant & cool. Have been to meeting all day. Rev. S. Hunt preached in A.M. & Mr. Clark from Walpole in P.M. Had no 5 o'clock meeting to night.

MONDAY 2

Very pleasant & cool. Went to Wrentham after a beauro & glass with Uncle Nathan but we did'nt get them. Fred drawed gravel, I helped him some.

TUESDAY 3

Cloudy morn, pleasant part the day & rained some in P.M. I went to Boston with the early & came back in the last train. Stoped at Roxbury & took the horse cars and went to Mrs. Goulds but she was gone. Walked from there all about the city. Got lot of cotton cloth, silk, boots & c.



September WEDNESDAY 4 1861

Very pleasant & cool. Started for Ashland about 8 1/4 A.M. We. (Emeline & I) called at Marthas & stoped a while, than came here to Ashland. Got here about 11 1/2. Found them all well. John & I went down to the village to night with the horse.

THURSDAY 5

Very pleasant & warm. Been at the shop or mill with John some & at house some & with Alvah some. He is fixing a road or walk from the house to the road. Went with him a mile or more after gravel. Started for home about 6 o'clock P.M. & got home about 9 P.M.

FRIDAY 6

Very pleasant & warm. Shoveled gravel with Fred most of the day.

Went up to Hermons in the eve & he paid a note I held against him & c & c.

September SATURDAY 7 1861

Very pleasant & warm. Helped Fred shovel gravel part of the day & level the cellar bottom. Drawed 2 load of stones. Got a load of sand & got up a little hay & c. Fixed a box for E. & in eve E & I went to Mr. Phersons & up to Hermons. Jos., Abbie & Hattie went to Cumberland & about.

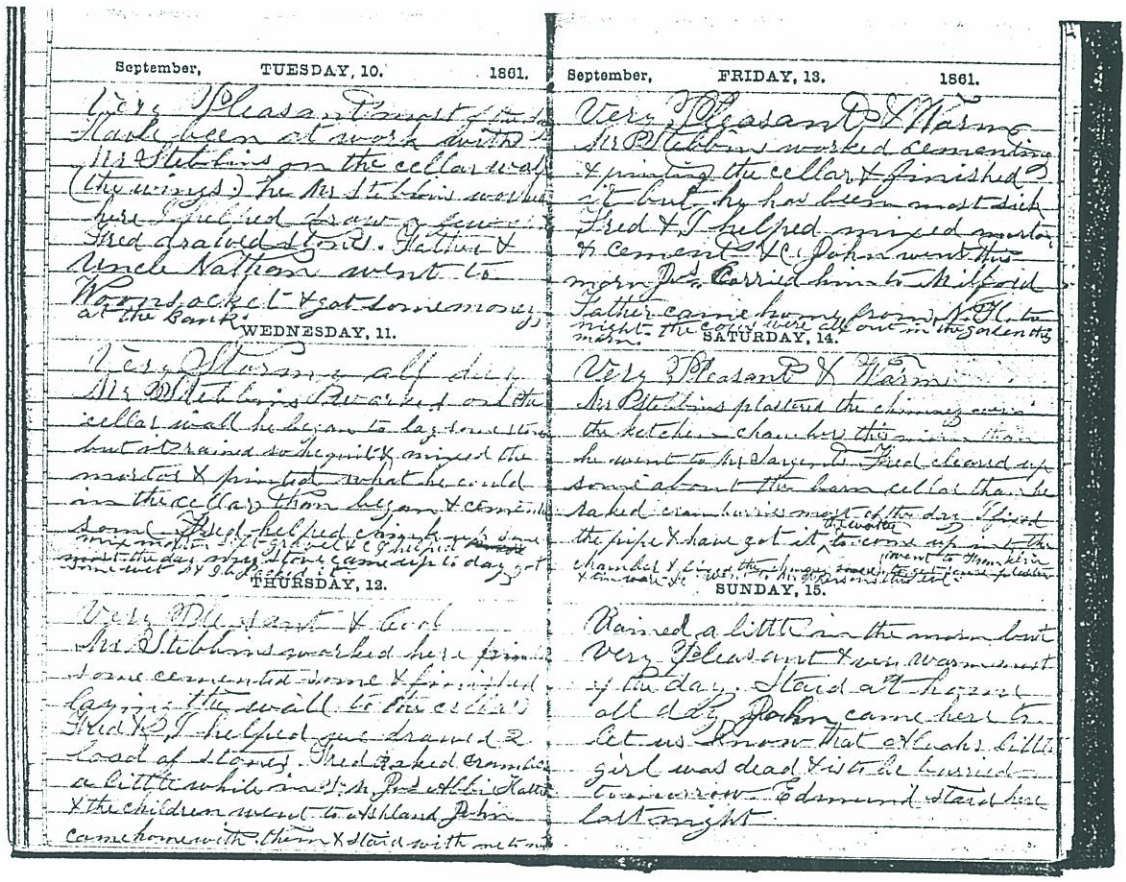
SUNDAY 8

Very pleasant & warm. Went to meeting in A.M. & staid at home in P.M. Mr. Shepheard & Mrs. Robinson were here. Mr. *(space left here)* preached. E & I took a walk on the hill & about after tea.

MONDAY 9

Very pleasant & warm but this eve rained a little. Emeline started for * Maine. I went to Boston with her & about there. Bought a stove, carpet & c & c. She left Boston at 5 1/2 o'clock P.M. in the cars for Portland. Jos. went to Boston.
Abbie went to Dedham. The Engine gave out at Everett, the flews burst, so we had to wate till next one.

**EMELINE'S FAMILY LIVES IN APPLETON, MAINE*



September TUESDAY 10 1861

Very pleasant most the day. Have been at work with Mr. Sebbins on the cellar wall (the wings) He, Mr. Stebbins, worked here. I helped draw a few stones. Fred drawed stones. Father & Uncle Nathan went to Woonsocket & got some money at the bank.

WEDNESDAY 11

Very stormy all day. Mr. Stebbins worked on the cellar wall. He began to lay some stone but it rained so he quit & mixed the mortor & painted what he could in the cellar, than began & cemented some. Fred helped chink up some, mix mortor, sift gravel & c. I helped most the day. My stove came up to day, got some wet. F. & I unpacked it.

THURSDAY 12

Very pleasant & cool. Mr. Stebbins worked here painted some cement some & finished laying the wall to the cellar. Fred & I helped. We drawed 2 load of stones. Fred raked cranberries a little while in P.M. Jos., Abbie, Hattie & the children went to Ashland. John came home with them & staid with me to night.

September FRIDAY 13 1861

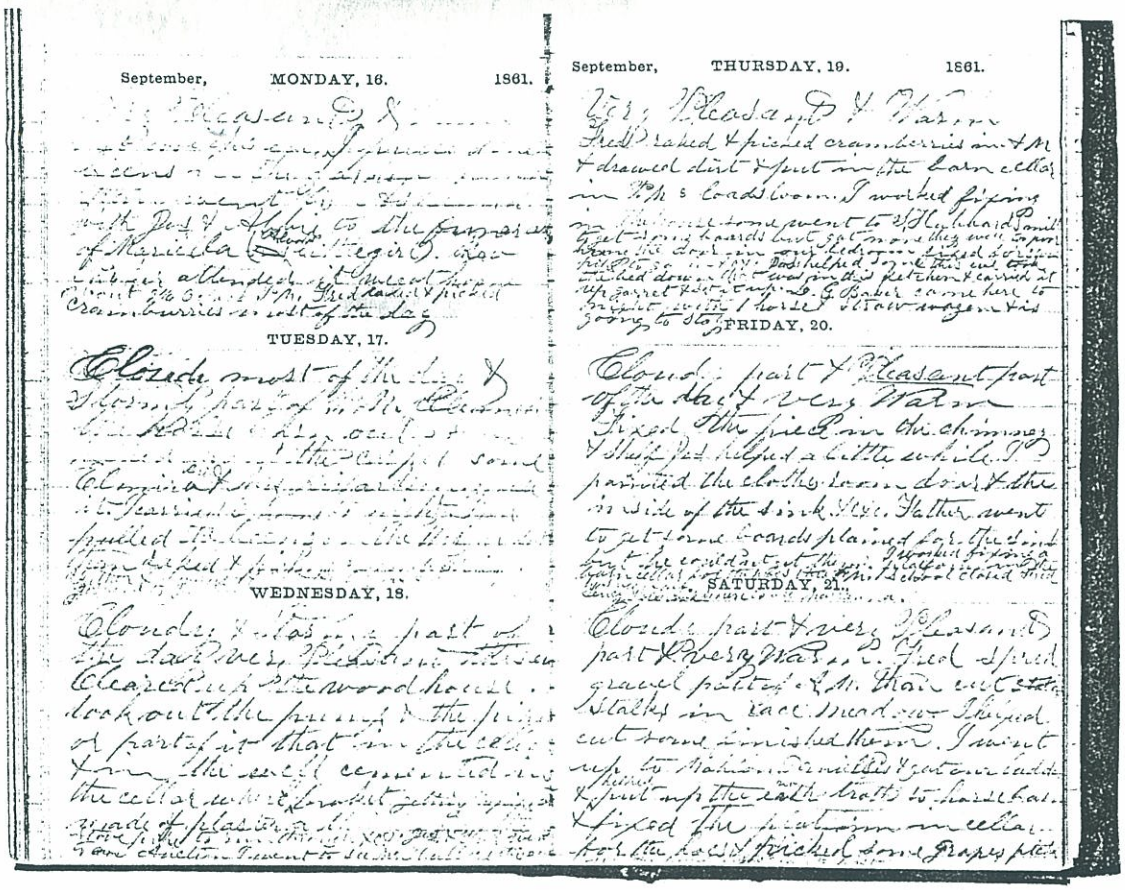
Very pleasant & warm. Mr. Stebbins worked cementing & painting the cellar & finished it but he has been most sick. Fred & I helped mixed mortor & cement & c. John went this morn. Jos carried him to Milford. Father came home from N. F. to night. The cows were all out in the garden this morn.

SATURDAY 14

Very pleasant & warm. Mr. Stebbins plastered the chimney over the kitchen chamber this morn, than he went to Mr. Sargents. Fred cleared up some about the barn cellar than raked cranberries most of the day. I. fixed the pipe & have got it, the water, to come up in to the chamber & fixed the chimney some. Went to Franklin to get some plaster & tin ware & c. Went to Mr. Phersons this eve.

SUNDAY 15

Rained a little in the morn but very pleasant & very warm most of the day. Staid at home all day. John came here to let us know that Alvahs little girl was dead & is to be burried tomorrow. Edmund staid here last night.



September MONDAY 16 1861

Very pleasant & warm but cool this eve. I pulled the been in the garden in A.M. than went to Ashland with Jos & Abbie to funeral of Mariella (Alvahs little girl). Rev. Parker attended it. We got home about 9 1/4 o'clock P.M. Fred raked & picked cranburries most of the day.

TUESDAY 17

Cloudy most of the day & stormy part of P.M. Cleaned the horse barn out some. Helped about the carpet some. Elmira Briggs & Mrs. Richardson made it. I carried E. home to night. Fred pulled the beens on the Wright lot than raked & picked cranberries. Father & I went & sort the beens & some hay & c. Jos gone to Boston.

WEDNESDAY 18

Cloudy & stormy part of the day. Very pleasant this eve. Cleared up the wood house, took out the pump & the pipe or part of it that in the cellar & in the well. Cemented in the cellar where I broke it getting the pipe out. Made of plaster a thimble for the stove pipe to run through & c & c.

September THURSDAY 19 1861

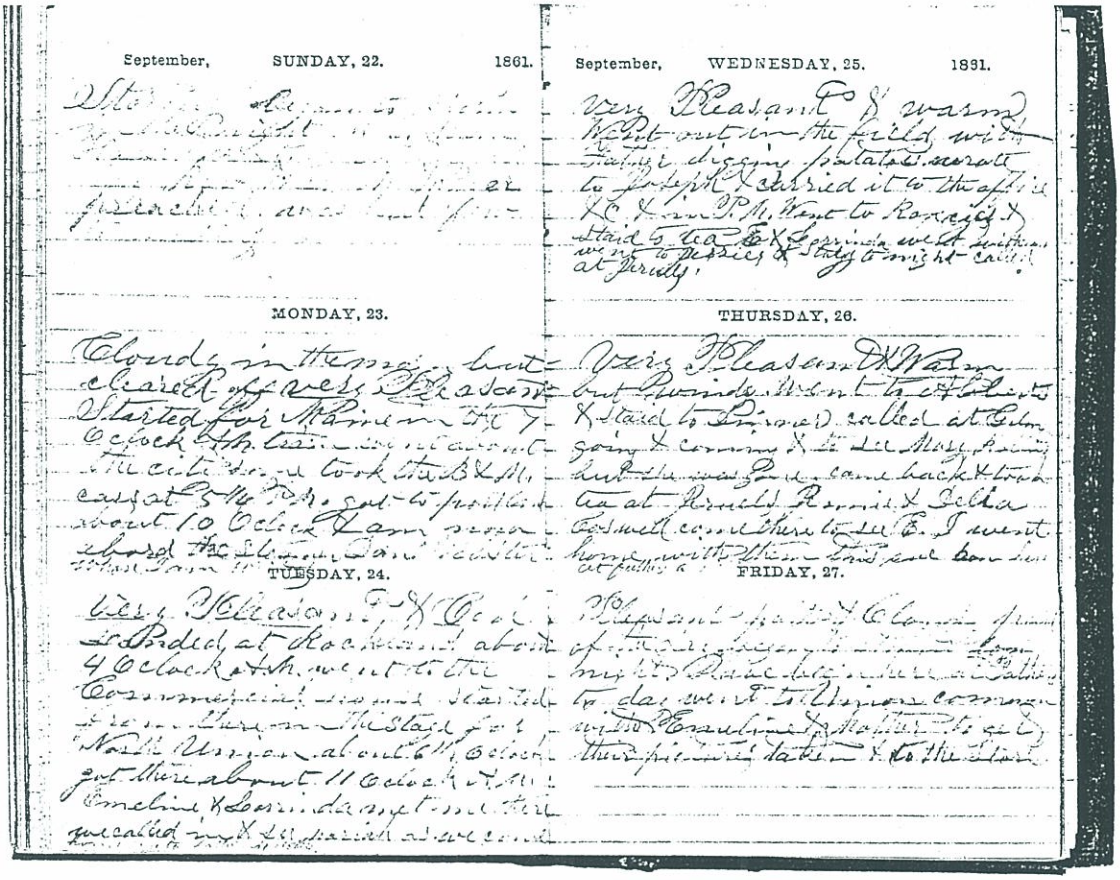
Very pleasant & warm. Fred raked & picked cranberries in A.M. & drawed dirt & put in the barn cellar. In P.M. 8 loads loom. I worked fixing in the house some. Went to S. Hubbards mill to get some boards but got none. They were to poor. Hung the door in our bedroom. Fixed for stove pipe to go in & c & c. Jos. helped some. This eve took the bed down that was in this kitchen & carried it up garret & set it up. L. G. Baker came here to night with 1 horse & straw wagon & is going to stay.

FRIDAY 20

Cloudy part & pleasant part of the day & very warm. Fixed the piece in the chimney & shelf. Jos helped a little while. Painted the clothes room door & the inside of the sink & c & c. Father went to get some boards plained for the fink but he could'nt get them. I worked fixing a platform in the barn cellar for the hoes this P.M. School closed. Fred has been off. Nancy Holbrook is here to see Marianna.

SATURDAY 21

Cloudy part & very pleasant part & very warm. Fred spred gravel part of A.M., than cut stalks in race meadow. I helped cut some. Finished them. I went up to Mahlon Danielses & got our ladder & helped put up the even troth to horse barn & fixed the platform in cellar for the hoes & picked some grapes. Picked up the beans. Jos been to Boston.



September SUNDAY 22 1861

Stormy began to storm in the night. N. E. Storm. Have been to meeting all day. Rev. Wm. M. Thayer preached. Was but few to meeting.

MONDAY 23

Cloudy in the morn but cleared off , very pleasant. Started for Maine in the 7 o'clock A.M. train. Went about the city some. Took the B & M cars at 5 1/4 P.M. Got to Portland about 10 o'clock & am now abored the steamer, Danl Webster, whare I am writing.

TUESDAY 24

Very pleasant & cool. Landed at Rockland about 4 o'clock A.M. Went to the Commercial House. Started from there in the stage for North Union about 6 1/2 o'clock. Got there about 11 o'clock A.M. Emeline & Lorrinda met me there. We called in & see Mariah as we came home here to father Metcalfs.

September WEDNESDAY 25 1861

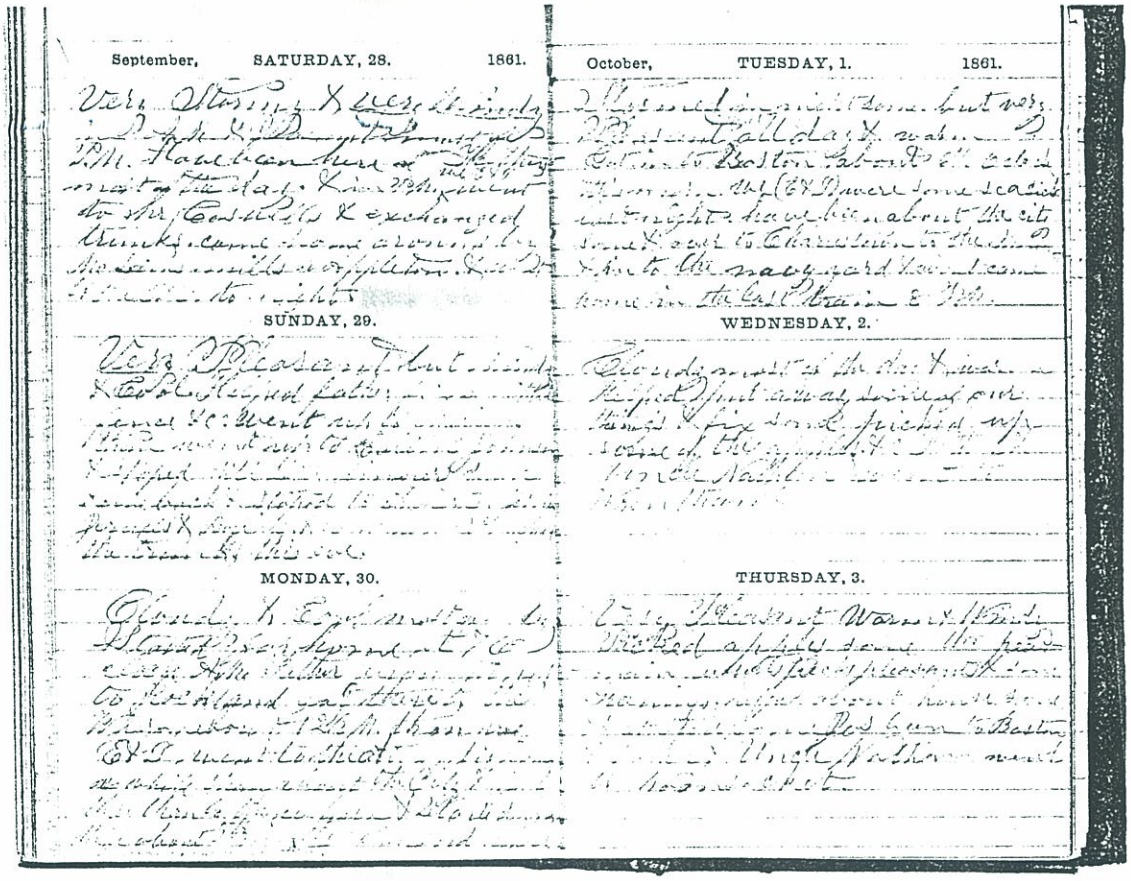
Very pleasant & warm. Went out in the field with Father digging potatoes. wrote to Joseph & carried it to the office & c. & in P.M. went to Roxcies & staid to tea. E. & Lorrinda went with me. Went to Jessies to stay to night. Called at Jerwells.

THURSDAY 26

Very pleasant & warm but windy. Went to Alberts & staid to dinner, called at Gilmores going & coming & to see Mary Rollins but she was gone. Came back & took tea at Jervels. Jennie & Delta Coswell came there to see E. I went home with them his eve. Am here at fathers to night.

FRIDAY 27

Pleasant part & cloudy part of the day. began to storm to night. Have been here at Fathers to day. Went to Union Common with Emeline & Mother to get their pictures taken & to the store.



September SATURDAY 28 1861

Very stormy & very windy in A.M. & pleasant most of P.M. Have been here at Fathers most of the day &in P.M. We, E & I went to Mr. Coswells & exchanged trunks. Came home around by McLains mills or Appleton & went to the P.C. to night.

SUNDAY 29

Very pleasant but windy & cool. Helped father fix a little fence & c. Went up to Mariahs than went up to Colton Johnsons & stoped till after dinner, than came back & stoped to Alberts. Jessie, Jeruels & Roxies & came home & packed the trunk this eve.

MONDAY 30

Cloudy & cool most of the day. Started for home at 7 o'clock A. M. Father brought us to Rockland. Got there to the Wharf about 12 1/2. M. Than we, E & I, went to the Atlantic House
a while, than about the City & back there, than to the wharf & started from there about 5 1/4 in the Sanford where I am now writing.

October TUESDAY 1 1861

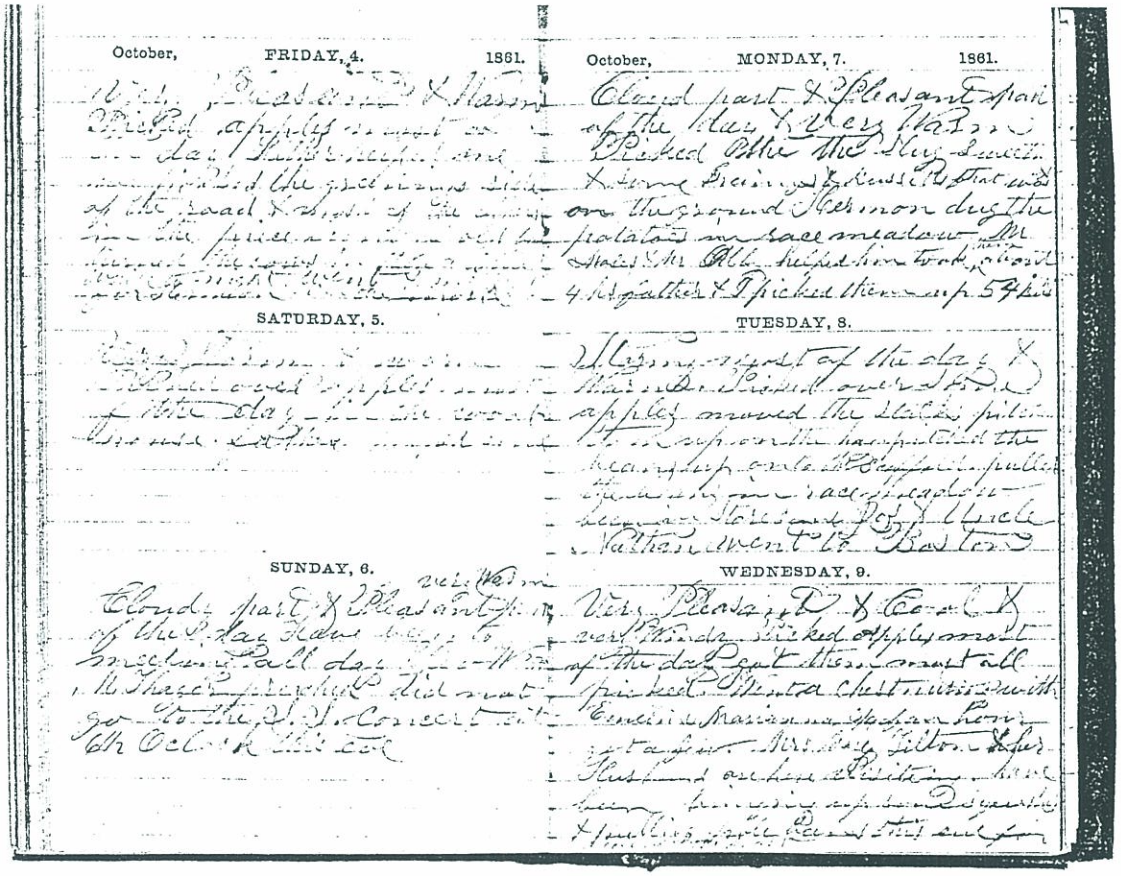
Stormed in night some but very pleasant all day & warm. Got in to Boston about 6 1/2 o'clock this morn. We (E & I) were some sea sick last night. Have been about the city some & over to Charlestown to the Manor & in to the Navy yard & about. Came home in the last train 8 P.M.

WEDNESDAY 2

Cloudy most of the day & warm. Helped put away some of our things & fix some. Picked up some of the apples & c. Father & Uncle Nathan went to Wrentham.

THURSDAY 3

Very pleasant & warm & windy. Picked apples some, the pears, main, russetts, pecks, pleasants & some grannys. Helped about house some & c. At store some. Jos been to Boston & father & Uncle Nathan went to Woonsocket



October FRIDAY 4 1861

Very pleasant & warm. Picked apples most of the day. Father helped me. We picked the greenings, side of the road & most of the piece front of the old barn. Turned the cows in there a little while to night. Went & milked for Hermon in the morn.

SATURDAY 5

Very Stormy & warm. Picked over apples most of the day in the wood house. Father helped some.

SUNDAY 6

Cloudy part & pleasant, very warm, part of the day. Have been to meeting all day. Rev. Wm M. Thayer preached. Did not go to the S.S. Concert at 6 1/2 o'clock this eve

October MONDAY 7 1861

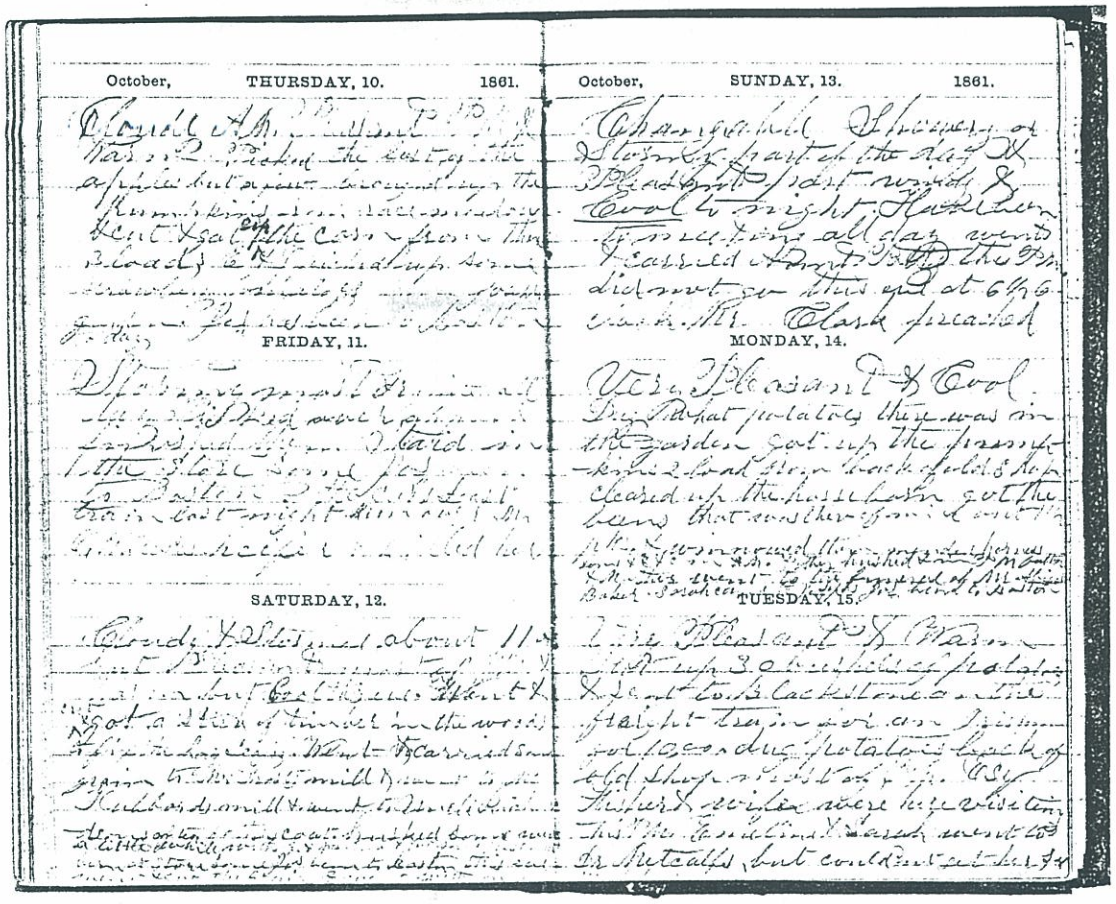
Clouded part & pleasant part of the day & very warm. Picked the Slug Sweeting & some Grannys & Russetts that was on the ground. Hermon dug the potatoes in race meadow. Mr. Moses & Mr. __?__ helped him. Took them about 4 hs. Father & I picked them up 54 bushls.

TUESDAY 8

Stormy most of the day & warmer. Picked over some apples, moved the stalks, pitch them up on the hay, pitched the beans up onto the scuffold. Pulled the beans in race meadow. Been in Store some. Jos & Uncle Nathan went to Boston.

WEDNESDAY 9

Very pleasant & cool & very windy. Picked apples most of the day. Got them most all picked. Went a chestnuting with Emeline, Marianna 3/4 of an hour. Got a few. Mrs. Mary Tilton & her Husband are here visiting. Have been bringing up some squashes & pulling pole beans this eve for fear of the frost.



October THURSDAY 10 1861

Cloudy A.M. Pleasant P.M. & warm. Picked the last of the apples but a few. Brought up the pumpkins from race meadow & cut & got up the corn from there, 3 loads. E. & I picked up some strawberys, tomatoes from Josephs garden. Jos has been to Boston to day.

FRIDAY 11

Stormy most or quite all day. Picked over apples & finished them. Staid in the store some. Jos been to Boston. The cars last train last night run over Mr. O. Waleses heifer & killed her.

SATURDAY 12

Cloudy & stormed about 11 A.M. but pleasant most of P.M. & warm but cool this eve. Went & cut & got a stick of timber in the woods to fix the hay scales. Went & carried some grain to Mr. Frosts mill & rest to Mr. Hubbards mill & went to Uncle Richardsons after fathers coat. Husked some. Went a little while with E. & Marianna & got some
chestnuts. Been at store some. Jos been to Boston. This eve went & got the grain. E. went with me.

October SUNDAY 13 1861

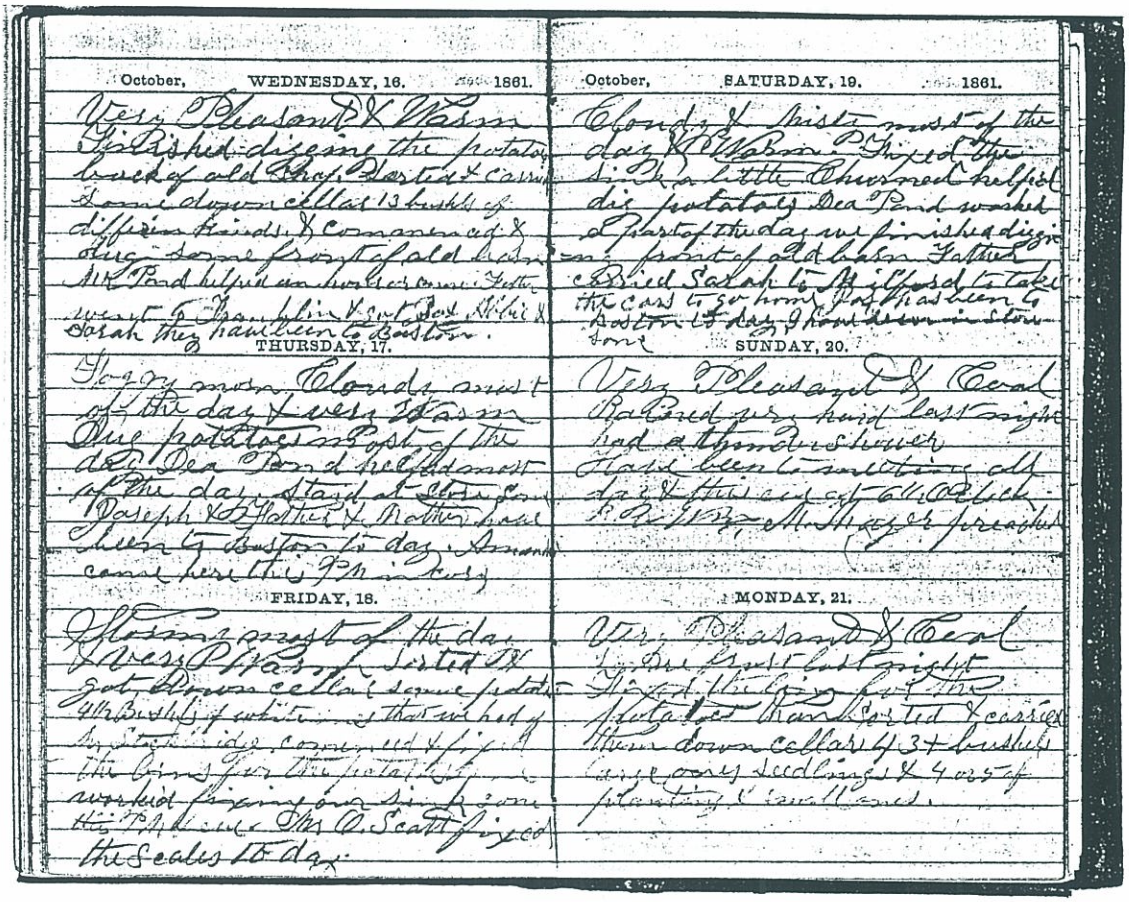
Changeable showery or stormy part of the day & pleasant part windy & cool to night. Have been to meeting all day. Went & carried Aunt Patty this P.M. Did not go this eve at 6 1/2 o'clock Mr. Clark preached.

MONDAY 14

Very pleasant & cool. Dug what potatoes there was in the garden. Got up the pumpkins 2 load from back of old shop. Cleared up the horse barn. Got the beens that was there of mine out 1 1/2 pks & winnowed them. Mended harness some & c & c. in A.M. father husked & in P.M. Father & Mother went to funeral of Mr. __?__ Baker. Sarah came to Josephs. Jos went to Boston.

TUESDAY 15

Very pleasant & warm. Put up 30 bushels of potatoes & sent to Blackstone on the freight train for an Irishman for 10.00. Dug potatoes back of old shop most of P.M. Esq. Fisher & wife were here visiting this P.M. Emeline & Sarah went to Dr. Metcalfs but could'nt get her __?__ work done.



October, WEDNESDAY, 16. 1861.

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Mr Pond helped an hour or more. Fath.
went to Franklin & got Jos. Abbie &
Sarah they have been to Boston.

THURSDAY, 17.

Foggy morn. Clouds most
of the day & very warm
Dug potatoes most of the
day. Dea Pond helped most
of the day. Staid at store some
Joseph & Father & Mother have
been to Boston to day. A man
came here this P.M. in cars

FRIDAY, 18.

Stormy most of the day.
& very Warm. Sorted &
got down cellar some potatoes
4 1/2 bushls of white ones that we had of
Mr Stockbridge. Comenced & fixed
the bins for the potatoes some.
worked fixing our sink some
this P.M. & eve. Mr O. Scott fixed
the Scales to day.

October, SATURDAY, 19. 1861.

Cloudy & misty most of the
day & Warm. Fixed the
sink a little. Churned. helped
dig potatoes. Dea Pond worked
a part of the day. We finished digg
ing front of old barn. Father
carried Sarah to Milford to take
the cars to go home. Jos has been to
Boston to day. I have been in store
some

SUNDAY, 20.

Very Pleasant & Cool
Rained very hard last night
had a thunder shower
Have been to meeting all
day & this eve at 6 1/2 o'clock.
Rev. Wm. Thayer preached.

MONDAY, 21.

Very Pleasant & Cool
Some frost last night
Fixed the bin for the
potatoes then sorted & carried
them down cellar 43 + bushels
large ones seedlings & 4 or 5 of
planting & small ones.

October WEDNESDAY 16 1861

Very pleasant & warm. Finished digging the potatoes back of old shop. Sorted & carried some down cellar 13 bushls of different kinds & commenced & dug some front of old barn. Mr. Pond helped an hour or more. Father went to Franklin & got Jos., Abbie & Sarah. They have been to Boston.

THURSDAY 17

Foggy morn cloudy most of the day & very warm. Dug potatoes most of the day. Staid at store some. Joseph & Father & Mother have been to Boston to day. A man came here this P.M. in cars.

FRIDAY 18

Stormy most of the day & very warm. Sorted & got down cellar some potatoes 4 1/2 bushls of white ones that we had of Mr. Stockbridge. Comenced & fixed the bins for the potatoes some. Worked fixing our sink some this P.M. & eve. Mr. O. Scott fixed the scales today.

October SATURDAY 19 1861

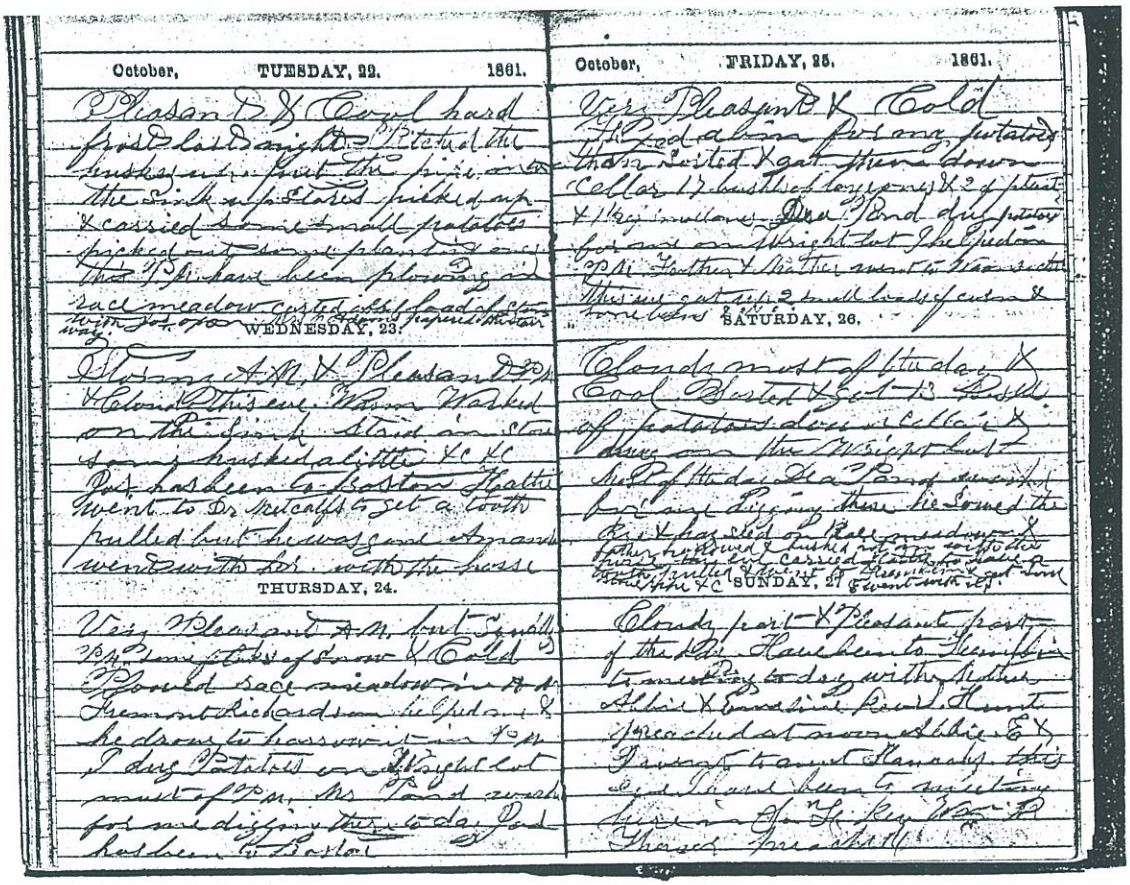
Cloudy & misty most of the day & warm. Fixed the sink a little. Churned, helped dig potatoes. Dea. Pond worked a part of the day. We finished digging front of old barn. Father carried Sarah to Milford to take the cars to go home. Jos has been to Boston to day. I have been in store some.

SUNDAY 20

Very pleasant & cool. Rained very hard last night. Had a thunder shower. Have been to meeting all day & this eve at 6 1/2 o'clock. Rev. Wm. Thayer preached.

MONDAY 21

Very pleasant & cool, some frost last night. Fixed the bin for the potatoes, than sorted & carried them down cellar 43 bushels, large ones, seedling & 4 or 5 of planting & small ones.



October TUESDAY 22 1861

Pleasant & cool hard frost last night. Pitched the husked up. Put the pipe into the sink up stares. Picked up & carried some small potatoes. Picked out some planting ones this P.M. Have been plowing in race meadow. Carted off load of stones with Jos. Oxan. Mrs. O. Adams papered the stair way.

WEDNESDAY 23

Stormy A.M. & pleasant P.M. & cloudy this eve. Warm. Worked on the sink. Staid in store some. Husked a little & c
& c. Jos has been to Boston. Hattie went to Dr. Metcalfs to get a tooth pulled but he was gone. Amanda went with her with the horse.

THURSDAY 24

Very pleasant A.M. but squally P.M. Some flakes of snow & cold. Plowed race meadow in A.M. Fremont Richardson helped me & he drove to harrow it in P.M. I dug potatoes on Wright lot most of P.M. Mr. Pond worked for me digging there to day Jos has been to Boston.

October FRIDAY 25 1861

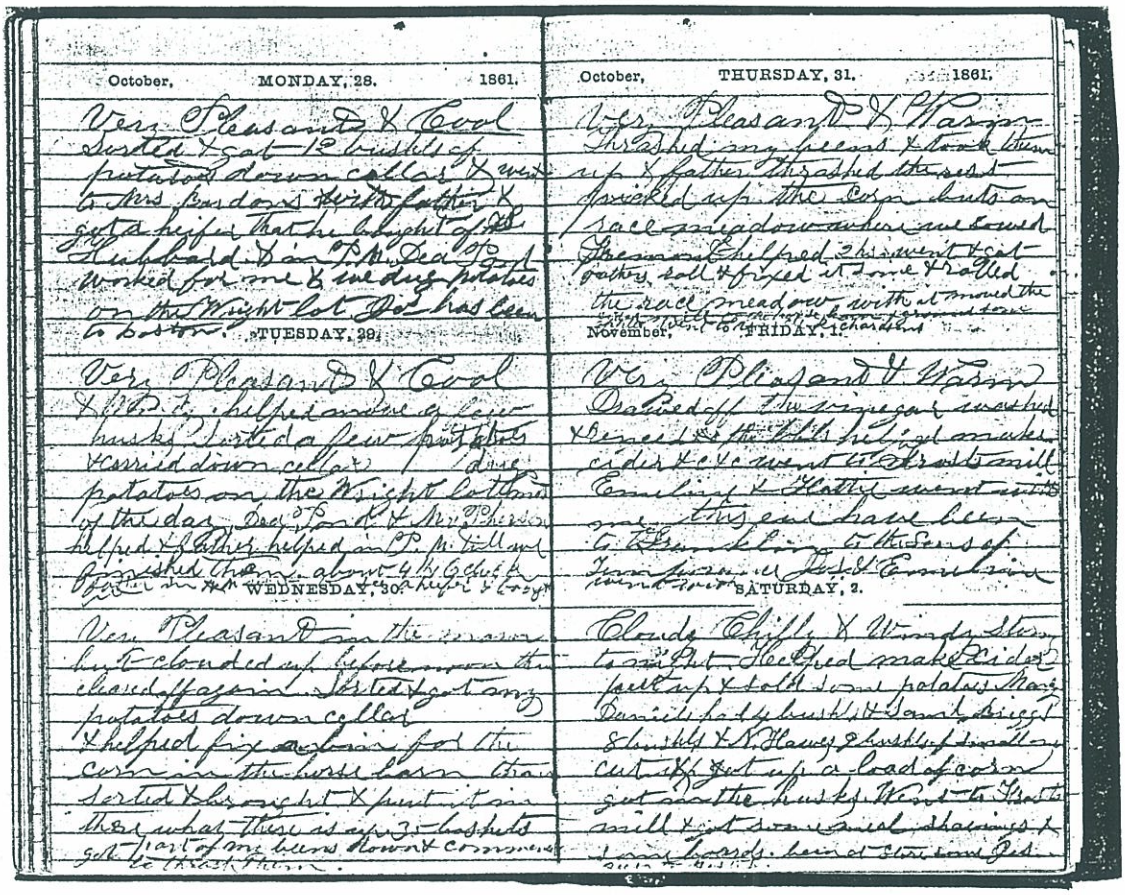
Very pleasant & cold. Fixed a bin for my potatoes than sorted & got them down cellar 17 bushls of large ones & 2 of planting & 1 1/2 of small ones. Dea. Pond dug potatoes for me on Wright lot. I helped in P.M. Father & Mother went to Woonsocket this eve. Got up 2 small loads of corn & some beens & c. & c.

SATURDAY 26

Cloudy most of the day & cool. Sorted & got 13 Bushl of potatoes down cellar & dug on the Wright lot most of the day. Dea. Pond worked for me digging there. He hoed the rye & has sled on race meadow & father harrowed & bushed it in with the horse. This eve carried Hattie to have a tooth pulled & went to Franklin & got some stove pipe & c. E. went with us.

SUNDAY 27

Cloudy part & pleasant part of the day. Have been to Franklin to meeting to day with Mother, Abbie, & Emeline. Rev. S. Hunt preached at noon. Abbie, E. & I went to Aunt Hannahs this eve. Have been to meeting here in S.F. Rev. Wm P. Thayer preached.



October MONDAY 28 1861

Very pleasant & cool. Sorted & got 12 bushls of potatoes down cellar & went to Mrs. Bardons with father & got a heifer that he bought of S. Hubbard & in P.M. Dea. Pond worked for me & we dug potatoes on the Wright lot. Jos has been to Boston.

TUESDAY 29

Very pleasant & cool & windy. Helped move a few husks. Sorted a few potatoes & carried down cellar. Dug potatoes on the Wright lot most of the day. Dea. Pond & Mr. Pherson helped & father helped in P.M. till we finished them about 4 1/4 o'clock. Father in A.M. went to see a heifer & bought it.

WEDNESDAY 30

Very pleasant in the morn but clouded up before noon than cleared off again. Sorted & got my potatoes down cellar & helped fix a bin for the corn in the horse barn. Than sorted & brought & put it in there, what there is up 35 bushls. Got part of my beens down & commenced to thrash them.

October THURSDAY 31 1861

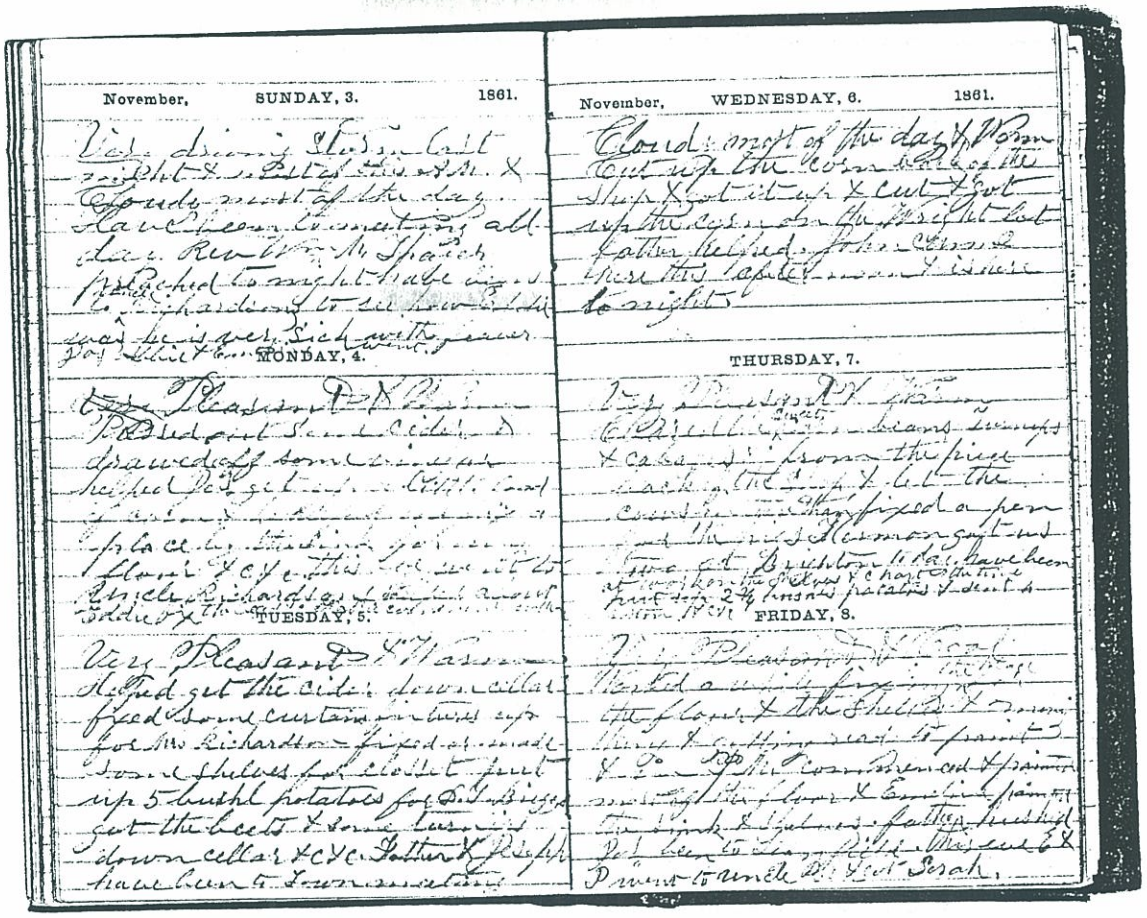
Very pleasant & warm. Thrashed my beens & took them up & father thrashed the rest. Picked up the corn buts on race meadow where we sowed them. Fremont helped 2 hrs. Went & got fathers roll & fixed it some & rolled the race meadow with it. Moved the cider mill to the horse barn & ground some apples. Went to Mrs. Richardsons.

November FRIDAY 1

Very pleasant & warm. Drawed off the vinegar was hard & renced, the bbls helped make cider & c& c. Went to Frosts mill. Emeline & Hattie went with me. This eve have been to Franklin to the Sons of Temperance. Jos. & Emeline went with me.

SATURDAY 2

Cloudy, chilly & windy stormy to night. Helped make cider put up & sold some potatoes. Mancy Daniels had a bushl & Sarah Briggs 7 bushls & N. Hawes 9 bushls of small ones
cut up. Got up a load of corn. Got in the husks. Went to Frosts mill & got some meal, shavings & some boards. Been at store some. Jos. been to Boston.



November SUNDAY 3 1861

Very driving storm last night & most of this A.M. & cloudy most of the day. Have been to meeting all day. Rev. Wm. M. Thayer preached to night. Have been to Uncle Richardson to see how Eddie was. He is very sick with feaver. Jos. , Abbie & Emeline went.

MONDAY 4

Very pleasant & warm. Passed out some cider & drawed off some vines and helped Jos get up a little load of corn & he helped me fix a place by the sink for my flour & c & c. This eve went to Uncle Richardsons. Helped about Eddie, fix the bed & c. Father came home with me.

TUESDAY 5

Very pleasant & warm. Helped get the cider down cellar. Fixed some curtin fixtures up for Mrs. Richardson. Fixed or made some shelves for closset. Put up 5 bushl potatoes for d. T. Briggs. Got the beets & some turnips down cellar & c & c. Father & Joseph have been to Town meeting.

November WEDNESDAY 6 1861

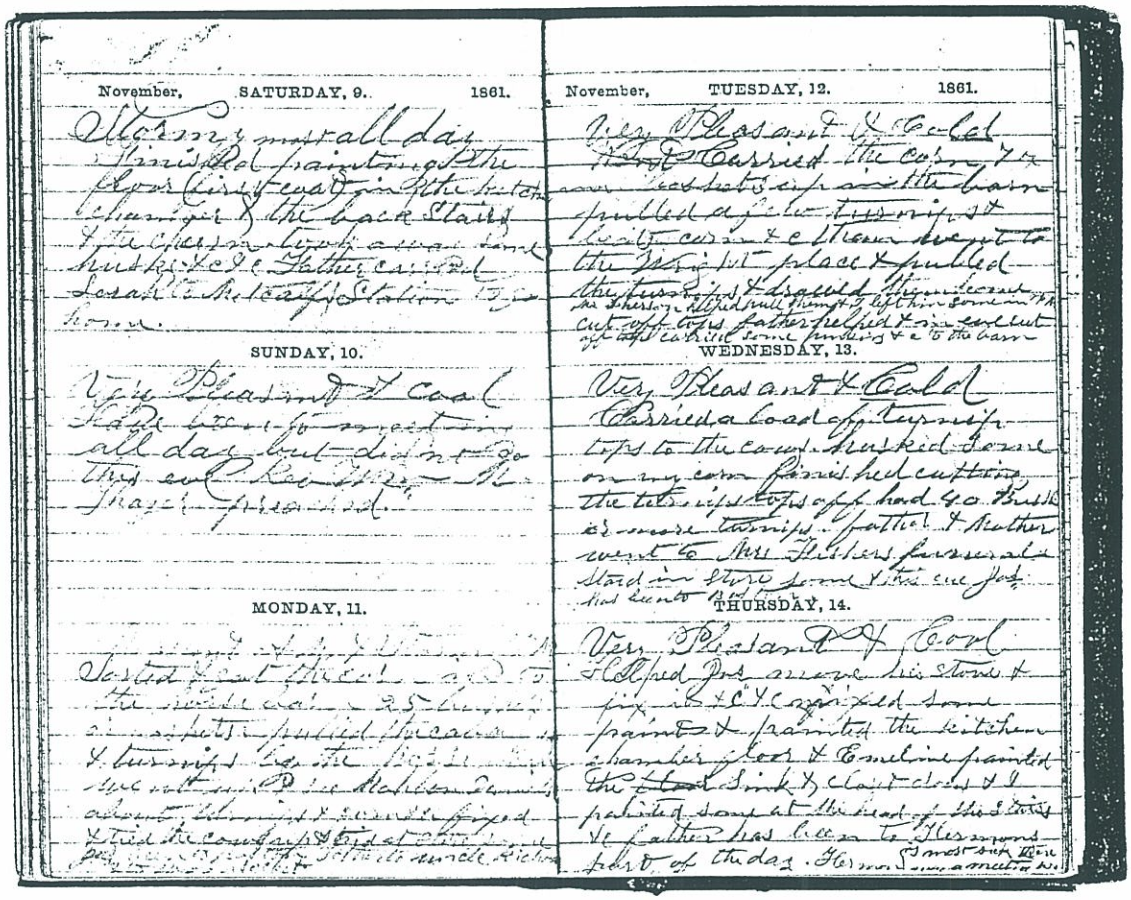
Cloudy most of the day & warm. Cut up the corn back of the shop & got it up & cut & got up the corn on the Wright lot. Father helped. John came here this afternoon & is here to night.

THURSDAY 7

Very pleasant & warm. Cleared the sweet corn, beans turnips & cabages & c from the piece back of the shop & let the cows in there, than fixed a pen for the pigs. Hermon got us two at Brighton to day. Have been at work on the shelves & c. part the time. Put up 2 3/4 bushls potatoes & sent To Boston & c & c.

FRIDAY 8

Very Pleasant & cool. Worked a while fixing the place for flour & the shelves & moving things & getting ready to paint & in the P.M. commenced & painted most of the floor & Emeline painted the sink & shelves. Father husked. Jos. been to Lynfield. This eve. E. & I went to Uncle R.s & got Sarah.



November SATURDAY 9 1861

Stormy most all day. Finished painting the floor (first coat) in the kitchen chamber, the back stairs, & the churn. Took away some husks & c & c. Father carried Sarah to Metcalfs Station to go home.

SUNDAY 10

Very pleasant & cool. Have been to meeting all day but did'nt go this eve. Rev. Wm. M. Thayer preached.

MONDAY 11

Pleasant A.M. & Stormy P.M. Sorted & got the corn in to the horse barn 25 bushels or baskets. Pulled the cabbages & turnips by the horse barn. Went up to me Mahlon Daniels about turnips & corn. Fixed & tied the cows up. Staid at store some. Jos been to Boston. Father to Uncle Richardson & to Woonsocket.

November TUESDAY 12 1861

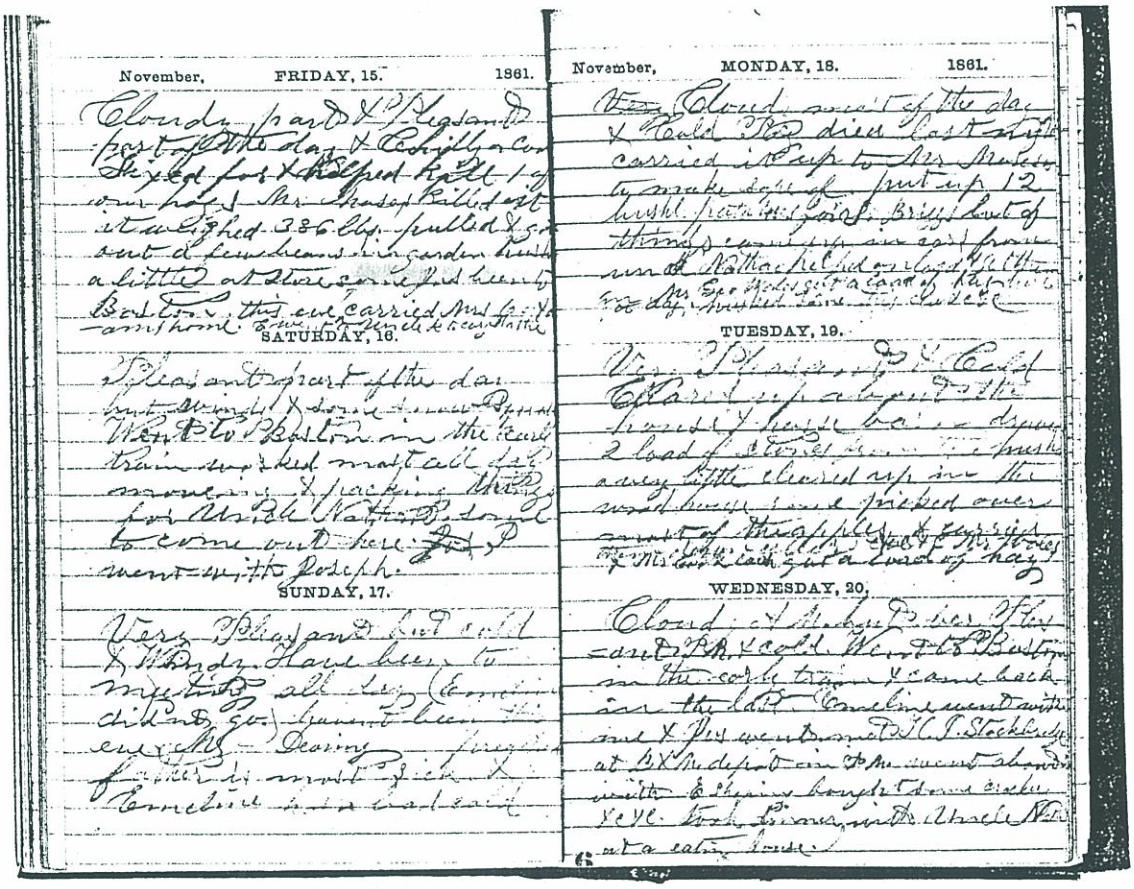
Very pleasant & cold. Carried the corn 7 or __?__ baskets up in the barn. Pulled a few turnips & beats. corn & c , than went to the Wright place & pulled the turnips & drawed them home. Mr. Pherson helped pull them & I left him some in P.M. Cut off tops. Father helped & in eve cut off tops. Carried some pumpkins & c. to the barn.

WEDNESDAY 13

Very pleasant &cold. Carried a load of turnip tops to the cows. Husked some on my corn. Finished cutting the turnips tops off. Had 40 bushl or more turnips. Father & Mother went to Mrs. Fishers funeral. Staid in store some & this eve Jos. has been to Boston.

THURSDAY 14

Very pleasant & cool. Helped Jos. move his stove & fix it & c & c. Fixed some paint & painted the kitchen chamber floor & Emeline painted the sink & closet doors & I painted some at the head of the stairs & c. Father has been to Hermons part of the day. Hermon is most sick. There was a meeting here.



November FRIDAY 15 1861

Cloudy part & Pleasant part of the day & chilly or cool. Fixed for & helped kill 1 of our hogs. Mr. Moses killed it. It weighed 386 lbs. Pulled & got out a few beans in garden, husked a little. At store some. Jos. been to Boston. This eve I carried Mrs. O. Adams home. E. went to Uncle R. to carry Hattie.

SATURDAY 16

Pleasant part of the day but windy & some snow squalls.
Went to Boston in the early train. Worked most all day moving & packing things for Uncle Nathan. Some to come out here. I went with Joseph.

SUNDAY 17

Very pleasant but cold & windy. Have been to meeting all day. (Emeline did'nt go). Haven't been this eve. Mr. Dearing preached. Father is most sick & Emeline has a bad cold.

November MONDAY 18 1861

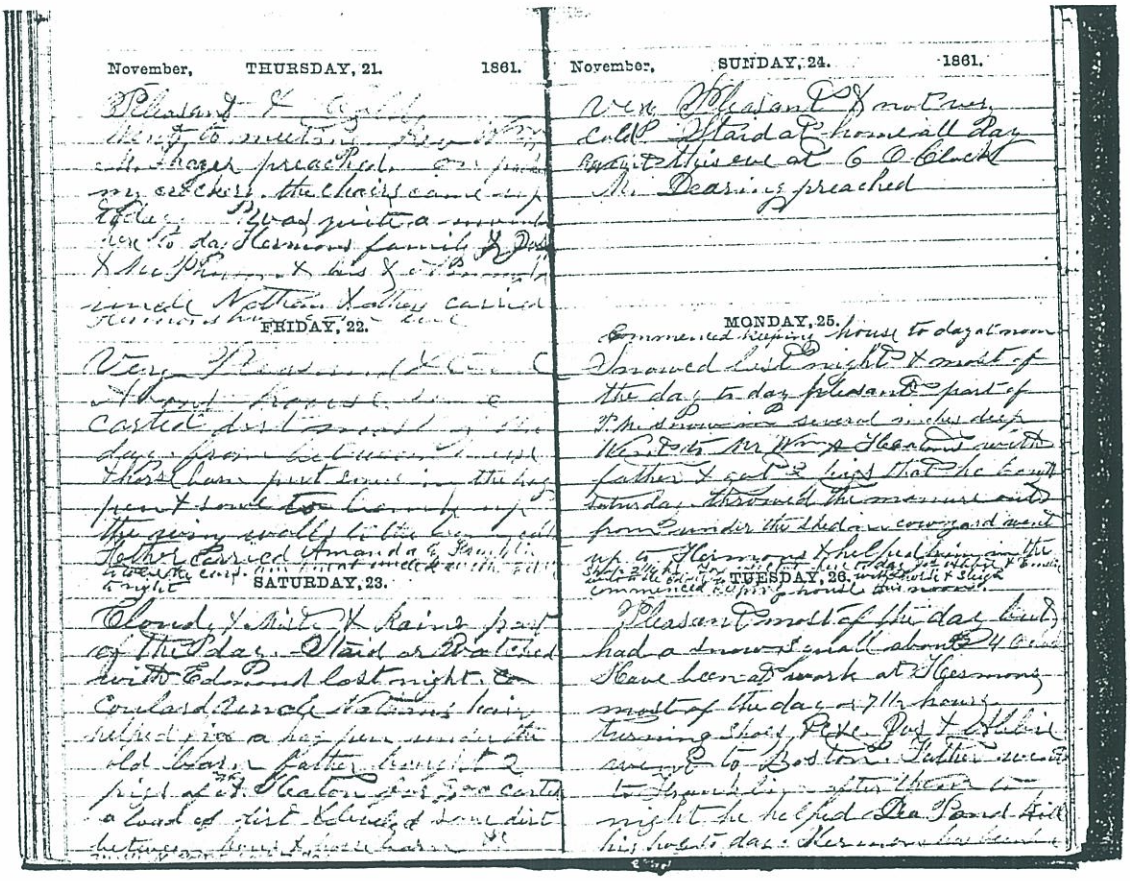
Cloudy most of the day & cold. Pig died last night, carried it up to Mr. Moseses to make sope of. Put up 12 bushl. potatoes for S. Briggs. Lot of things came up in cars from Uncle Nathan. Helped on load & get them in. Mr. Geo. Wales got a load of hay here to day. Husked some this eve & c. &c.

TUESDAY 19

Very pleasant & cold. Cleared up about the house & horse barn. Drawed 2 load of stones from there. Husked a very little, cleared up in the wood house some. Picked over most of the apples & carried them down cellar & c & c. Mr. Wales & Mr. Cook each got a load of hay.

WEDNESDAY 20

Cloudy A.M. but very pleasant P.M. & cold. Went to Boston in the early train & came back in the last. Emeline went with me & Jos went. Met H. I. Stockbridge at B & M depot in P.M. Went about with E. shoping, bought some crackers & c & c. Took dinner with Uncle Nathan at a eating house.



November THURSDAY 21 1861

Pleasant & cold. Went to meeting. Rev Wm M. Thayer preached. Am packing my crockery. The chairs came up to day. Was quite a number here to day. Hermons family & Jos. & Mr. Pherson & __?__ & Amanda & Uncle Nathan & others. Carried Hermon home in eve.

FRIDAY 22

Very pleasant & cool. About house some, carted dirt most of the day from between house & horse barn. Put some in the hog pen & some to bank up the wing walls to the barn cellar. Father carried Amanda to Franklin to take the cars. Am here at Uncle R with Eddie to night.

SATURDAY 23

Cloudy & misty & rainy part of the day. Staid or watched with Edmond last night. Coulard Uncle Nathans hair. Helped fix a hog pen under the old barn. Father bought 2 pigs of Mr. A. Heaton for 9.00. Carted a load of dirt & leveled some dirt between house & horse bard & c. Uncle N. went back to day.

November SUNDAY 24 1861

Very pleasant & not very cold. Staid at home all day. Went this eve at 6 o'clock. Mr. Dearing preached.

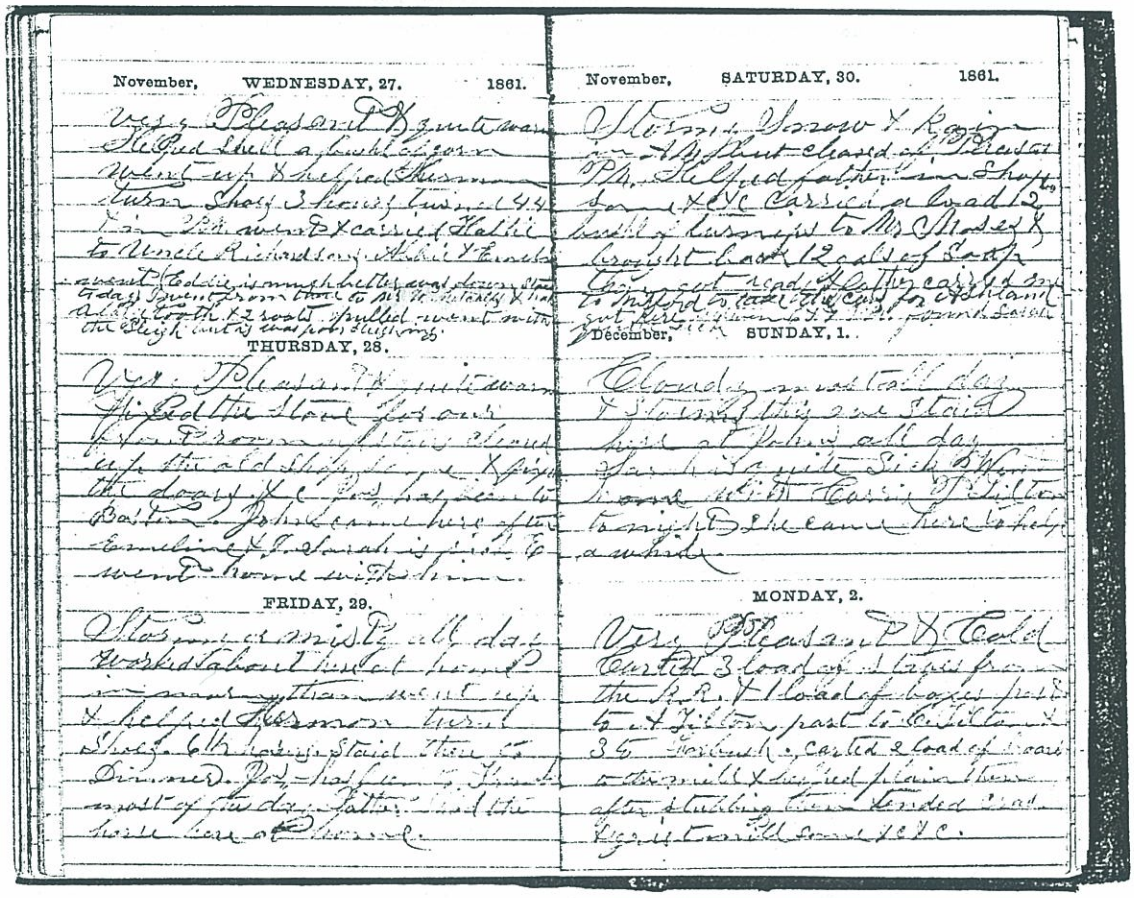
MONDAY 25

*Commenced keeping house to day at noon. Snowed last night & most of the day to day. Pleasant part of P.M. Snow in several inches deep. Went to Mr. Wm A. Heatons with father & got 2 pigs that he bought Saturday. Throwed the manure out from under the shed in cow yard. Went up to Hermons & helped him in the shop 2 1/4 hs. Tax colector here to day. Jos. , Abbie & Emeline went to see Eddie with the horse & sleigh. Commenced keeping house this noon.

George & Emeline moved to the upstairs of Fathers house.

TUESDAY 26

Pleasant most of the day but had a snow squall about 4 o'clock. Have been at work at Hermons most of the day or 7 1/2 hours turning shoes & c & c. Jos & Abbie went to Boston. Father went to Franklin after them to night. He helped Dea Pond kill his hogs to day. Hermon has been here this eve.



November WEDNESDAY 27 1861

Very pleasant & quite warm. Helped shell a bushl of corn. Went up & helped Hermon turn shoes 3 hours, turned 44 & in P.M. went & carried Hattie to Uncle Richardson. Abbie & Emeline went (Eddie is much better, was down stairs to day.) I went from there to Mr. W. Metcalfs & had a large tooth & 2 roots pulled. Went with the sleigh but is was poor sleighing.

THURSDAY 28

Very pleasant & quite warm. fixed the stove for our front room up stairs. Cleared up the old shop some & fixed the doors & c. Jos has been to Boston. John came here after Emeline & I. Sarah is sick. E. went home with him.

FRIDAY 29

Stormy or misty all day. Worked about here at home in morn, than went up & helped Hermon turn shoes. 6 1/2 hours. Staid there to dinner. Jos. has been to Franklin most of the day. Father shad the horse here at home.

November SATURDAY 30 1861

Stormy snow & rain in A.M. but cleared off , pleasant P.M. Helped father in shop some & c & c. Carried a load 12 bushl of turnips to Mr. Chases & brought back 12 gal of soap, than got ready & father carried me to Milford to take the cars for Ashland. *Got here between 6 & 7 P.M. Found Sarah quite sick.

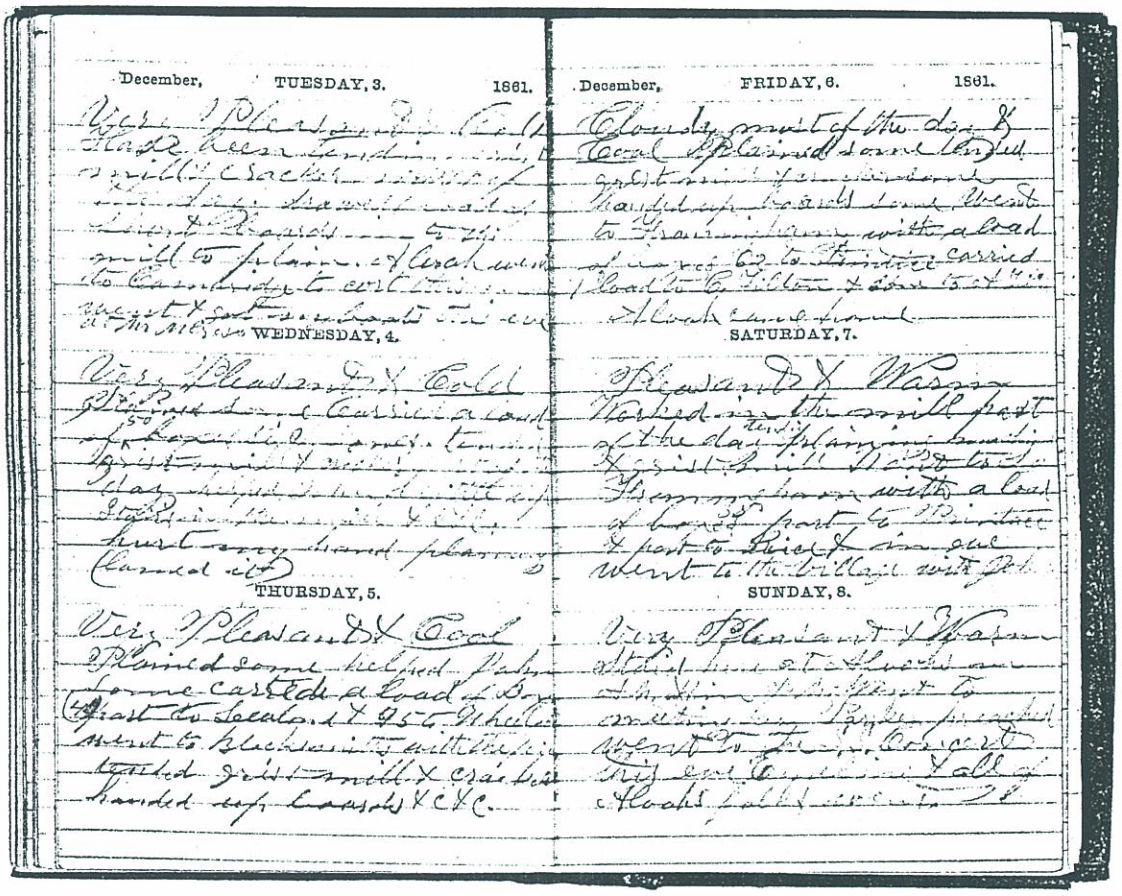
George & Emeline are now in Ashland staying with John & Sarah Metcalf. John & Alvah Metcalf own & run a box factory that is well known in Ashland's history today.

December SUNDAY 1

Cloudy most all day & storms this eve. Staid here at Johns all day. Sarah is quite sick. Went home with Carrie P. Tilton to night. She came here to help a while.

MONDAY 2

Very pleasant & cold. Carted 3 load of staves from the R.R. & 1 load of boxes, part to A. Tilton, part to C. Tilton & 3 to Forbush. Carted 2 load of boards to the Mill & helped plain them after stubbing them. Tended cracker & grist mill some & c & c.



December TUESDAY 3 1861

Very pleasant & cold. Have been tending grist mill & cracker most of the day. Drawed 1 load of short boards in to the mill to plain. Alvah went to Cambridge to cort this morning. Went & got by boats this eve at Mr. Mireses.

WEDNESDAY 4

Very pleasant & cold. Plained some. Carried a load of 50 boxes to S. Jones. Tended grist mill & cracker part of the day. Helped John a little up stairs in the mill & c & c. Hurt my hand plaining (lamed it).

THURSDAY 5

Very pleasant & cool. Plained some. Helped John some. Carted a load of boxes 40 part to Lealand & 45 to Wheelan. Went to Blacksmiths with the __?__. Tended grist mill & cracker, handed up boards & c & c.

December FRIDAY 6 1861

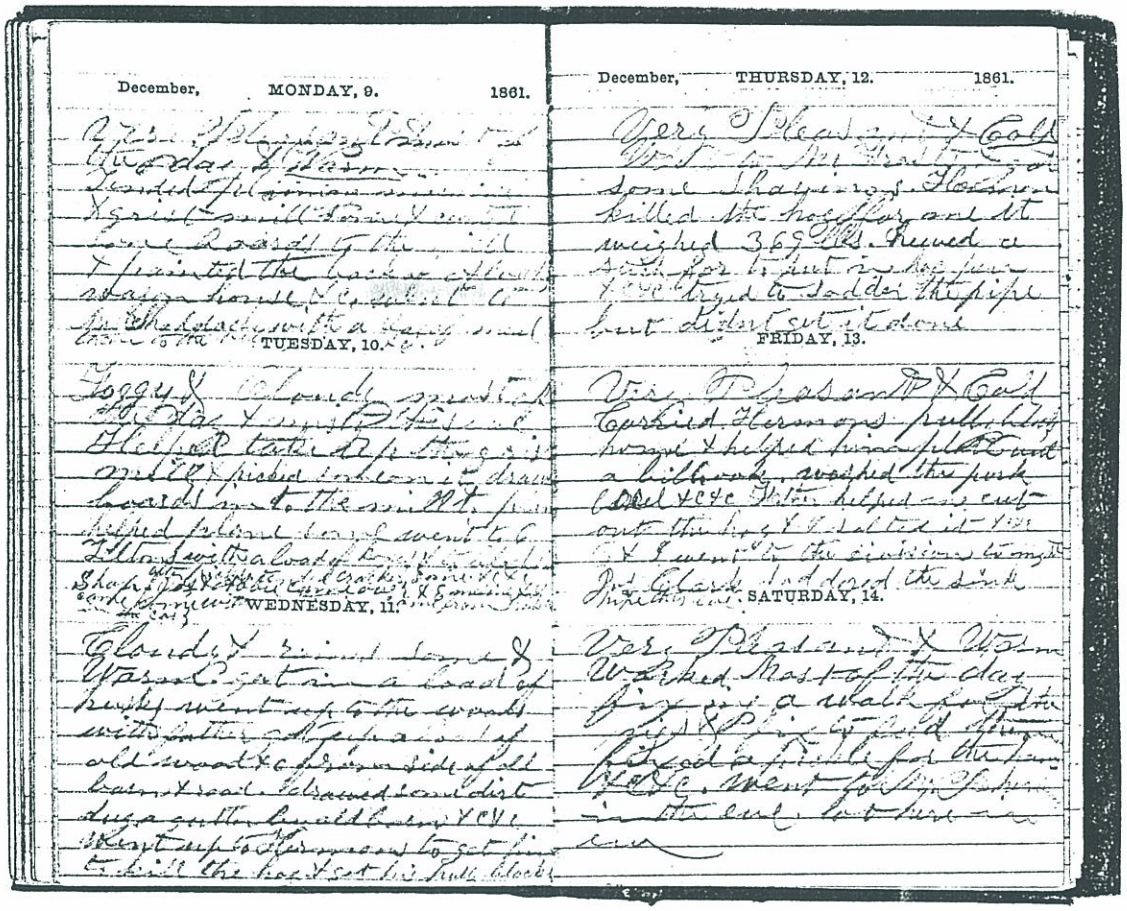
Cloudy most of the day & cool. Plained some. tended grist mill & cracker some. Handed up boards some. Went to Framingham with a load of boxes 62 to Printice. Carried 1 load to C. Tilton & one to A. Tilton.

SATURDAY 7

Pleasant & warm. Worked in the mill part of the day tending, plaining machine & grist mill. Went to So. Framingham with a load of boxes 33 part to Printace & part to Rice & in eve went to the village with John.

SUNDAY 8

Very pleasant & warm. Staid here at Alvahs in A.M. & in P.M. went to meeting. Rev. Parker preached. Went to the S.S. Concert this eve. Emeline & all of Alvahs folks went.



December MONDAY 9 1861

Very pleasant most of the day & warm. Tended plaining machine & grist mill some & carted some boards to the mill & painted the back of Alvahs wagon house & c. Went to Mrs. Shaddocks with a bag of meal than to the village

TUESDAY 10

Foggy & cloudy most of the day & misty this eve. Helped take up the grist mill & picked some on it. Drawed boards in to the mill to plain. Helped plane some. Went to C. Tiltons with a load of boxes & to blacksmith shop after picks. Jos. & Abbie came over & Emeline & I came home with them in the cars. Came from Franklin.

WEDNESDAY 11

Cloudy & rained some & warm. Got in a load of husks. went up to the woods with father, got up a load of old wood & c. from side of old barn & road. Drawed some dirt. Dug a gutter by old barn & c & c. Went up to Hermons to get him to kill the hog & got his pull blocks.

December THURSDAY 12 1861

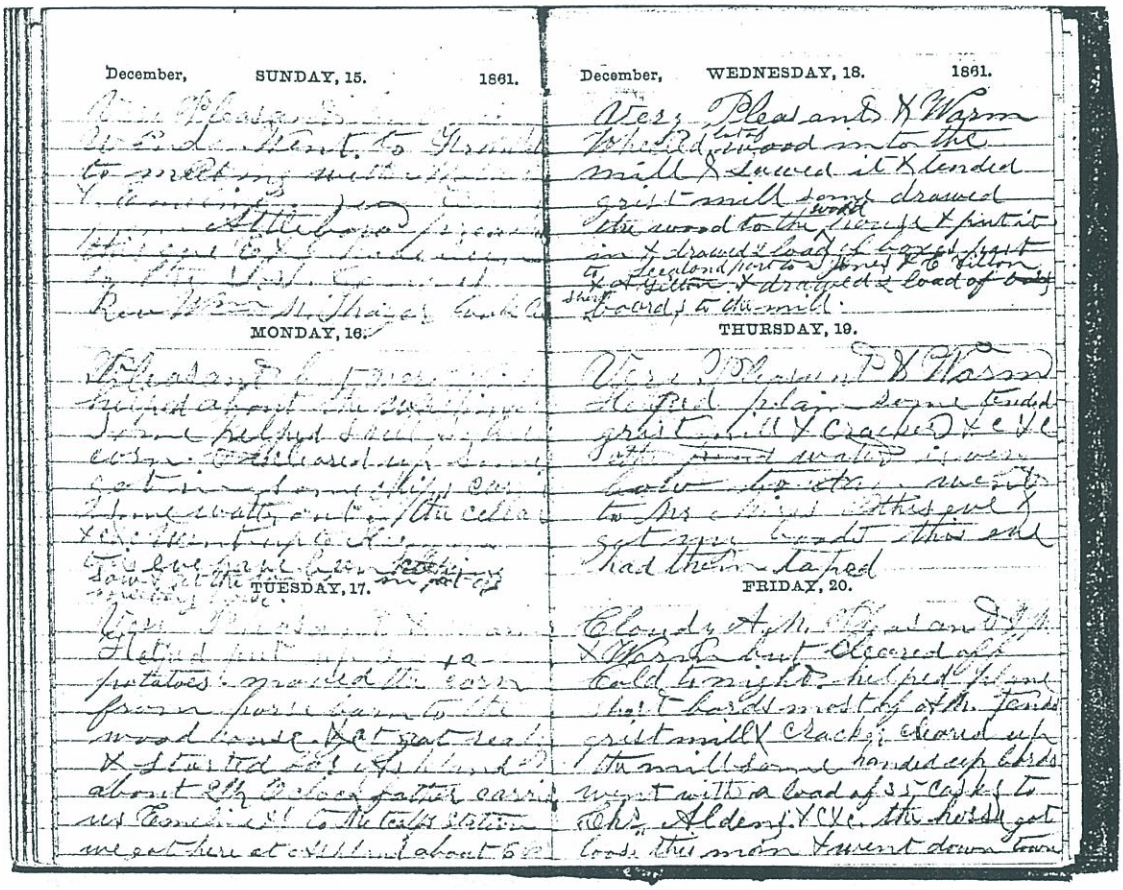
Very pleasant & cold. Went to Mr. Frosts & got some shavings. Hermon killed the hog for me. It weighted 369 lbs. Hewed a stick for to put in hog pen & c & c. Tryed to sodder the pipe but did'nt get it done.

FRIDAY 13

Very pleasant & cold. Carried Hermons pully block home & helped him plate out a bilhook. Washed the pork barrel & c & c. Father helped me cut out the hog & I salted it & c & c. E. & I went to the Division to night. Jos Clark soddored the sink pipe this eve.

SATURDAY 14

Very pleasant & warm. Worked most of the day fixing a walk for the pigs & fix to feed them. Fixed a pickle for the hams & c & c. Went to Mr. Phersons in the eve. Lot here in eve



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FRIDAY, 20.

December SUNDAY 15 1861

Very pleasant but was windy. Went to Franklin to meeting with Mother & Emeline. Rev. Chase from Attleboro preached this eve. E & I have been to S.S. Concert. Rev. Wm. M. Thayer took __?__

MONDAY 16

Pleasant but very windy. Helped about the washing some. Helped shell some corn, cleared up some. Got in some chips. Carried some water out of the cellar & c& c. Went up to Hermons this eve. Have been helping saw & at the ___?__ meeting house.

TUESDAY 17

Very pleasant & warm. Helped put up 24 + 2 bus. potatoes. Moved the corn from horse barn to the wood house & c. Got ready & started for Ashland about 2 1/2 o'clock . Father carried us, Emeline & I, to Metcalfs Station. We got here at Ashland about 6 o'clock

December WEDNESDAY 18 1861

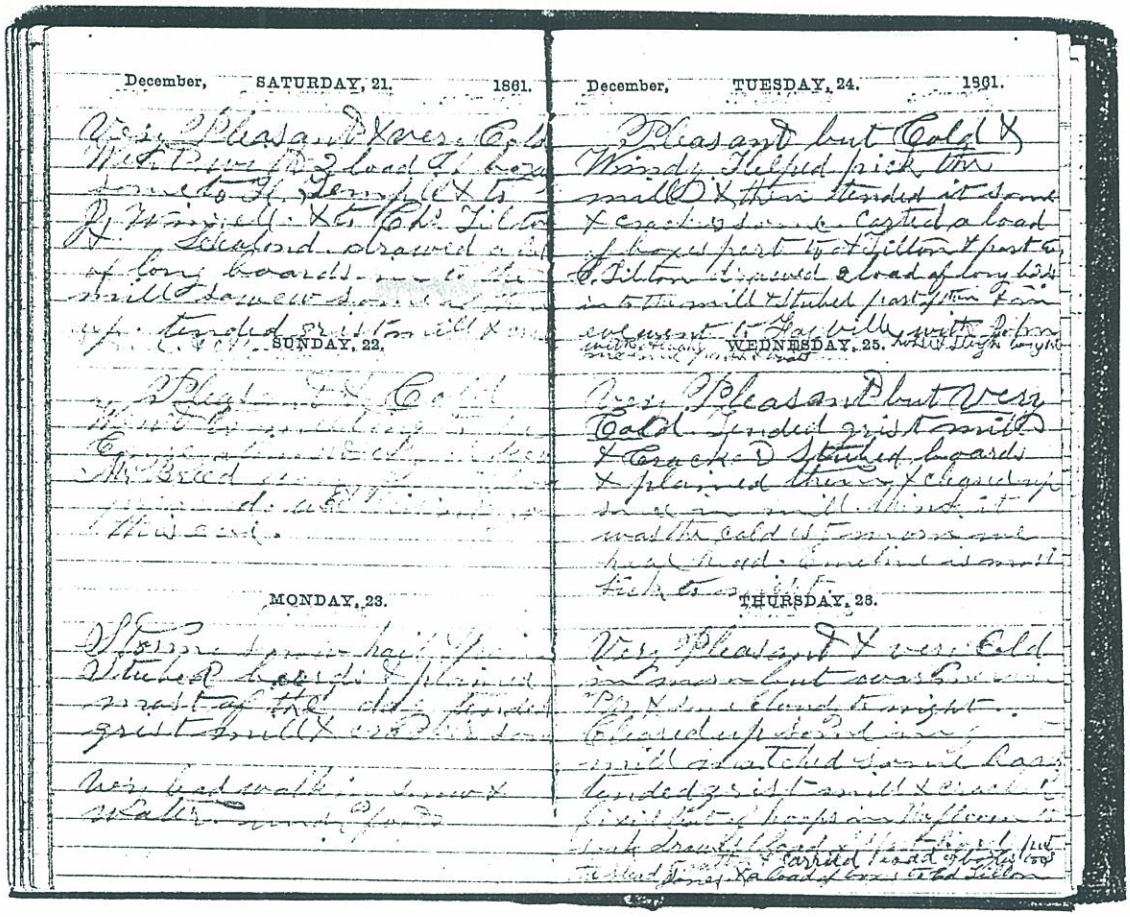
Very pleasant & warm. Wheeled lot of wood into the mill & sawed it & tended grist mill some. Drawed the wood to the wood house & put it in & drawed 2 load of boxes part to Lealand part to S. Jones & C. Tilton & A. Tilton & drawed 2 load of short boards to the mill.

THURSDAY 19

Very pleasant & warm. Helped plain some, tended grist mill & cracker & c & c.. The pond water is very low to day. Went to Mr Mires this eve. Got my boots this eve, had them taped.

FRIDAY 20

Cloudy A.M. pleasant P.M. & warm but cleared off. Cold to night. Helped plane short bords most of A.M. Tended grist mill & cracker. Cleared up the mill some. Handed up bords. Went with a load of 35 casks to Ch. Alden & c & c. the horse got loose this morn & went down town.



December SATURDAY 21 1861

Very pleasant & very cold. Went with 2 load of boxes. some to H. Temple & to J. Winrell & to Chs. Tilton & S. Lealand. Drawed a lot of long boards in to the mill. Sawed some of them up. Tended grist mill & cracker some & c & c.

SUNDAY 22

Pleasant & cold. Went to meeting to the Congregational Church. Rev. A. Breed from Southboro preached. We did'nt go this eve.

MONDAY 23

Stormy snow hail & rain. Stubed boards & plained most of the day. Tended grist mill & cracker some. Very bad walking snow & water under foot.

December TUESDAY 24 1861

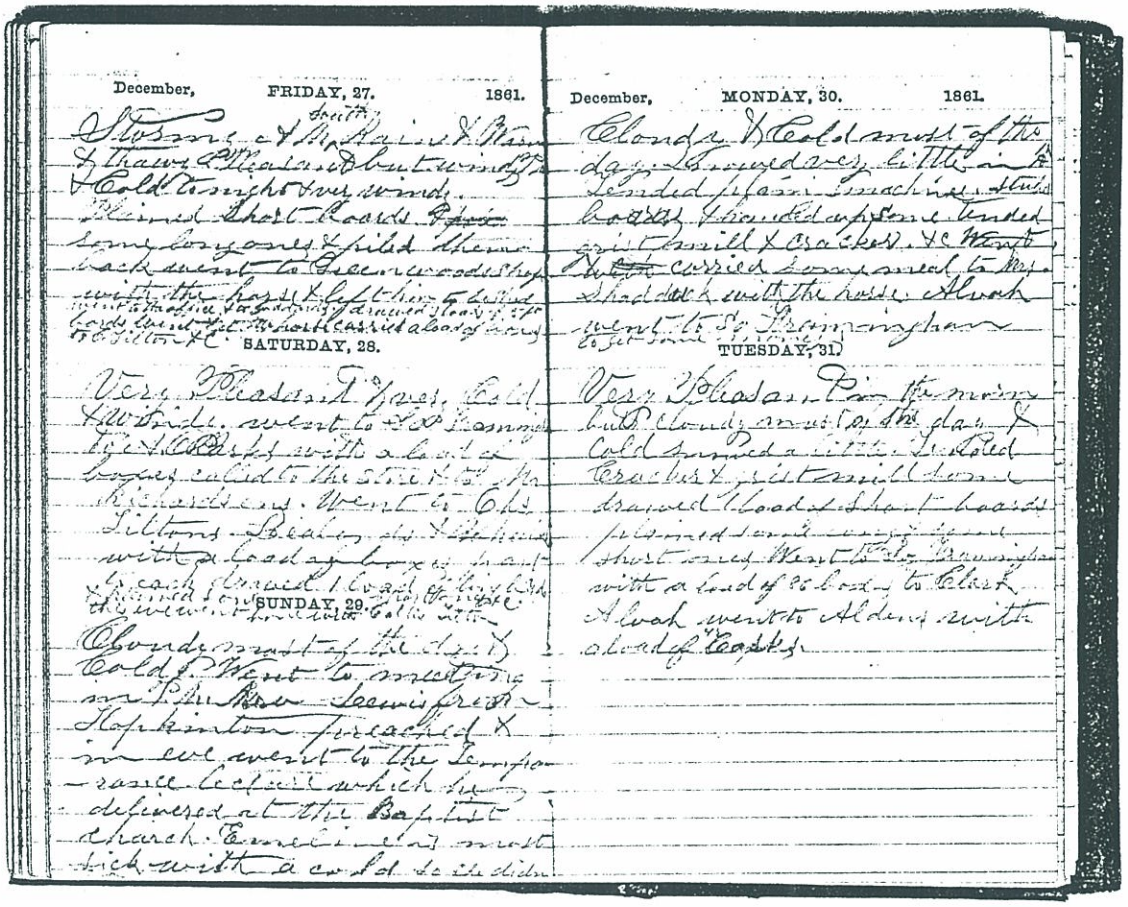
Pleasant but cold & windy. Helped pick the mill & then tended it some & crackers some. Carted a load of boxes part to A. Tilton & part to C. Tilton. Drawed 2 load of long bords in the mill & stubed part of them & in eve went to Fayville with John with Alvahs horse & sleigh. Bought me some pants & boots.

WEDNESDAY 25

Very pleasant but very cold. Tended grist mill & cracker. Stubed boards & plained them & cleared up some in mill. Think it was the coldest morn we have had. Emeline is most sick to night.

THURSDAY 26

Very pleasant & very cold in morn but warmer in P.M. & some cloudy to night. Cleared up some in grist mill. Matched some boards, tended grist mill & cracker. Fixed lot of hoops in the floom to soak. Drawed 1 load of short boards, put the slead together & carried 1 load of boxes to S. Jones & a load of boxes to Ed Tilton.



December FRIDAY 27 1861

Stormy A.M. South rain & warm & thawy. Pleasant but windy P.M. & cold tonight & very windy. Plained short boards some long ones & piled them back. Went to Greenwoods Shop with the horse & left him to be shod. Went to the office & to __?__ Drawed 2 loads of 5 ft bords. Went & got the horse. Carried a load of boxes to C. Tilton & c.

SATURDAY 28

Very pleasant & very cold & windy. Went to So. Framingham to A. Clarks with a load of boxes. Called to the store & to Mr. Richardsons. Went to Chs. Tiltons, Lealands & Wheelors with a load of boxes, part to each. Drawed 1 load of long boards & plained some short ones & c. This eve we went home with Collin Tilton.

SUNDAY 29

Cloudy most of the day & cold. Went to meeting in P.M. Rev. Lewis from Hopkinton preached & in eve, went to the Temporance lecture which he delivered at the Baptist Church. Emeline is most sick with a cold, so she did'nt go.

December MONDAY 30 1861

Cloudy & cold most of the day. Snowed very little in A.M. Tended plain machine. Stubed boards & handed up some. Tended grist mill & cracker & c. Carried some meal to Mrs. Shadduck with the horse. Alvah went to So. Framingham to get some money.

TUESDAY 31

Very pleasant in the morn, but cloudy most of the day & cold. snowed a little. Tended cracker & grist mill some. Drawed 1 load of short boards. Plained some long & some short ones. Went to So. Framingham with a load of 86 boxes to Clark. Alvah went to Aldens with a load of casks.

MEMORANDA.

Time Worked for H. B. Miller
of 1861 in the Shop &c

January	3d	2 1/2	hours
"	9th	6 3/4	"
"	10th	6 1/4	"
"	12th	5 1/2	"
"	14th	3 1/2	"
"	16th	6	"
"	21st	10	"
"	22d	4	"
"	25th	5 1/4	"
"	26th	4	"
"	28th	3 3/4	"
"	29th	2 1/2	"
"	30th	7 1/2	"
February	13th	5 3/4	"
"	14th	3	"
"	15th	6 1/4	"
		82 1/2	
		101 3/4	
		12.21	
Nov	25th	2 1/4	
"	26th	7 1/2	"
"	27th	3	"
"	29th	6 1/2	"

May 31st Recd Work 1,00
Paid Lugin " 3,00
hours 4,37

MEMORANDA.

Recd of J. D. Walley
July 11th Work part of A.M.
" 12th " 1 day

CASH ACCOUNT—January.

Date.		Rec'd.	Paid.
2	Got 1 lb of Figs	.10	
4	" Nail list Pile	3.00	
"	" Cash from Pa. Pa.	6.00	
"	" Wood-Saw	.75	
"	" Rockingchair (120)		
"	" Recd of work on Ru		.20
5	" Cocoa Lozenges		.14
"	" Figs	.10	
7	" Cash sent Hub.	7.00	
15	" Letter postage		.70
"	" Boots		3.00
"	" His Diary		.33
"	" 1½ lb Pots		2.25
"	" Cornbalk		.50
"	" Cement		.05
"	" Tipping Boards		.05
17	" 2 Bushel Potatoes	.80	
22	" Small Potatoes	1.33	
"	" Hum. Bird	3.33	
"	" Cash sent Hub.	4.50	
"	" Thos. Smith's Lot 5	1.35	
25	" Dues at Division		.19

CASH ACCOUNT—February.

Date.		Rec'd.	Paid.
1	Cr. Stark's Bill	.50	
"	" Hotel 25+25	.25	
4	For a Cane		.18
6	" A pair of Spectacles		.50
11	" ½ Bushel Potatoes	.18	
16	" ½ Pumpkin 25	.25	
"	" Beeswax	.04	
21	" Carrie Dinner	.35	
26	Car Fare from Dub.		.50
"	" " " Bost		1.50
"	For a Knife		.75
"	" fixing Ring x 4		.10
27	" 1 Box Cheroots		.10
28	" Shirt		.62
"	" Paper		.05

CASH ACCOUNT—March.

Date.		Rec'd.	Paid.
1			
1st	For Carriage passage	.37	
2d	" Old Lead	.14	
4th	" Castles & Ch. Fair		.12
13th	" 4 yds Cloth for Coat		3.75
"	" 1 Cut of Cloth		.75
"	" 6 yd of Cloth		.03
"	" Cement		
21st	" Fixing Accordian		1.00
"	" Nuts & Cardinus		.11
"	" Cutting Hair		.12
"	" Cutting a Net		.12
28th	" Interest of Mortg.	2.70	
29th	" Work for Russell	.50	
31st	" W. Y. King	.16	

CASH ACCOUNT—April.

Date.		Rec'd.	Paid.
1st	For frosting Gerdinus bill	.65	
"	Ch. A. P. Newell Rent	12.00	
"	For the Church Soc.		2.00
"	Recd on Pew Rent	.50	
3d	" For work on Road	.47	
"	Recd on Note of H.M.	4.00	
5th	" For Old Lead	.40	
8th	" For Sleigh		13.00
9th	" Coat & Pants		15.00
"	" Cap Fare		.50
"	" Combs		.05
"	" 2 Basons		.16
"	" Suit Silk Dress		10.87
"	" Sewing bird		.28
"	" Portmonie		.13
10th	" Perfume		.06
"	" Gold Ring		1.50
"	" Table & Paper		.65
"	" Money purse		.25
"	" Coat & Pants		25.00
"	" Hat		4.00
"	" Neck Tie		.50
"	" Sockets		.09
"	" Oranges		.04
"	Wedding Cards		4.00
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CASH ACCOUNT—May.

Date.		Rec'd.	Paid.
4th	of A. P. Newell	5.00	
"	Tri Gum	1.25	
6th	Tin Vest		2.2[illegible]
"	Congress Boots		1.5[illegible]
"	Slippers		4[illegible]
"	Nuts & Sausages		.5[illegible]
"	Sugars &c		0[illegible]
"	Filling teeth		9[illegible]
"	Perfume		5[illegible]
7th	Fish Boots	1.75	
13th	" Potatoes (2d)	1.17	
"	" Sleigh 3d		
17th	" Potatoes	3.00	
"	" Interest	.20	
18th	" Collar		1[illegible]
"	" Gloves		5[illegible]
"	" Neck tie		50
"	" Wed Cake		1.[illegible]
"	" Ear Jam		5[illegible]
"	" Figs & Cream		1.[illegible]
don't know	Auction		2.6[illegible]
guess	Fancy cloth		.4[illegible]
at Milford	Cloth		4[illegible]
	Tumbling		1.[illegible]

Cash Acct April 1861

Date		Recd	Paid
23d	Hay		.53
"	" Hay & Breaking		.25
"	" Oranges		.12
"	" Use of Horse		1.35
13th	" Fishing Boots		.45
"	" Passenger	.50	~~.50~~
15th	" [illegible]	.45	~~.45~~
"	" Straw	.25	
24th	" Hay	.15	
"	" Wash	.12	
"	" old Iron		.10
"	" Sumpsin oil		.22

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Cash Acct Mar

Date		Rec'd	Paid
20th	For Certificate		50
30th	" Milk Pans		3 31
25th	" Work & Board		94
1862	" Eng. Hours		75
"	" " Cash Watch Key		10

CASH ACCOUNT—June.

Date.		Rec'd.	Paid.
6th	For Fixing Boots		20
"	" Washing Boots		75
"	" Plaster		2 25
"	" Beans		25
"	" Guano		2 46
"	" Postage	30	
7th	" Division Dues		25
8th	" Stencil Plate & Figures		30
"	" Hood (2) & Shaker		45
10th	" Eng. Watch Trade	75	
27th	" Return		18

CASH ACCOUNT—July.

Date.		Rec'd.		Paid.	
4th	Car Fare				70
"	To Eat & Drink			1	27
"	Nuts				08
"	Rev Rey P			1	25
6th	For Work			1	00
"	" Watch chain	2	00		
23d	Cricket cap & cushion			do	
Don't	" Passenger		35		
know	" Work Mr Adams				63
When	" " " "			1	00
	" " " "			5	00
	" in butter	1	00	1	00
30th	" Passenger		25		
23d	" baggage		25		
	Dress			1	31
	Cards				12
	Pd Freight on Mark			1	00
23d	Pin Thimble & Needle				83
"	Paper			1	44
	Boots			3	00
	Chain			1	75
	Car Fare			1	00
	Skirt			1	00
	2 Purses				50

CASH ACCOUNT—August.

Date.		Rec'd.		Paid.	
2d	For Work Fred			5	00
7th	For hay of S.L.B.	5	00		
10th	" Potatoes &c		33		
"	" Work H.B.M.	3	00		
12th	" Hat			4	00
"	" Window springs				63
14th	" Painting				25
15th	" Paper Dress				8
17th	" Gilt paper				30
"	" Berbis				36
30th	" Work Fred			2	00
"	" Filling Silo			8	00

CASH ACCOUNT—September.

D	Date.		Rec'd.	Paid.
4	2d	Watch chain	1 00	
"	3d	Car Fare		30
"	"	Hold		20
"	"	Cambric		7
6	"	Elastic Band		2
"	"	Tobellets		2
23	"	Denim		4
Aug	"	Boots		9.50
Aug	"	Cotton Cloth 42 yds @		3.50
Aug	"	" 7/8 20 yds @		1.40
"	"	" " 35 yds @		3.18
	6th	"	11.83	
30	"	Rec'd of H. B. Miller on acct		
"	"	" L. N. Atterbury Int. 3 00		
2	"	Pd Jno Johnson Work		1 00
	7th	Rec'd of J. Parkill 3.00		
	9th	Car Hire		75
23	"	Carpet		11.83
"	"	Stove		12.00
	"	Castings Stove & Trunk		.57
	"	Benzine		25
	"	Chant & Hinges		1.75
	"	Eat &c		.12
	"	Brackets		90

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Cash Acct September

Date		Rec'd	Paid
	Dress trimmings		.75
	Silk & cotton thread		.24
	Cloth & trimmings		.50
	Box lozenges		.25
	Sect Encyclopedia		
	Laundry		.16
4	Two tickets Oregon	.75	
	2 " "	.25	
	Lozenges	.51	.51
	[illegible]		.25
	Carriage hire		.50
	" [illegible]		.25
	" Sheet music		.50
	" Blanking [illegible]		.50
	" [illegible]	.17	.17

Cash Acct Sept 1861

Date		Recd	Paid
18th	Vinegar	.07	
"	For work on carpet		.25
"	" Making overhalls		.25
19th	" Work (Fred)		1.00
23rd	" Starch & Prunes		.07
"	" Gloves		.50
"	" 3 Lbs Cheese		.66
"	" To Cattle		.31
	Carfare		2.75
"	" Trucking		.10
"	" Stage Fare		1.00
25th	" Preservation		.30
"	" Stockings		1.25
"	" Fitting		.25
28th	" Stockings		.67
"	" Hose		3.75
29th	" 3 pr Hose		1.50
30th	" Wed Wagon		.50
"	" Boat Fare		4.00
"	" Apple Pie		.15

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Cash Acct October

		Recd	Paid
17th			
"	For Dish		.10
"	" "		.15
"	" Tin Sheet		.10
"	" Cotton batting		.12
"	" Rags	2.00	
18th	" Vinegar	.07	
23rd	" Stone Jar		.40
"	" Lemons		.06
"	" Butter	2.00	
26th	" Stove pipe		.75
"	" Grater		.08
29th	" Vinegar	.07	
"	Hose		.17
"	Lifter		
"	Tinder Tipper		.10

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Date				
18th				
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"	"			
19th	"			
25th	"			
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"	"			
"	"			
"	"			
26th	"			
"	"			
"	"			
28th	"			
"	"			
29th	"			
30th	"			
"	"	Coal Tar	4.	00
"	"	Apple Pie		15

CASH ACCOUNT—October.

Date.		Rec'd.	Paid.
1st	Trucking		25
"	7a Coal Oil		24
"	2 doz Brooms		60
"	" Tobacco cloth		25
"	" " "		54
"	" Ice cream		12
"	" Mrs Hunter		62
"	" Car fare		50
"	" " "		07
3d	" Pew rent		1.25
5th	" 1 gal vinegar	14	
10th	" Cotton batting		75
11th	" Work (Bed)		8.00
"	" Screws		04
12th	" 2 lb Vinegar		07
"	" 1/2 bbl Flour		3.87
"	" Yeast		05
17th	Wash Butter		2.00
"	" Mop		06
"	" Broom		18
"	" Spoons		20
"	" Cake cutter		03
"	" Wash Basin		25
"	" Dipper		17
"	" Tobacco Dipper		10

CASH ACCOUNT—November.

Date.		Rec'd.	Paid.
1st	Dividend of Estate		.50
2d	Pd G. Bussmann	1.80	
"	" 8 bus Sage potatoes	2.80	
"	" 2 Boards 3 1/2		.88
5th	" 2 Wd Stocking	1.00	
8th	" 5 bu Potatoes	1.75	
13th	" Tin Pan		.25
"	" Blacking		.10
"	" Yarn		.38
"	" Pop Corn		.50
"	" 3 bush Turnips	.50	
14th	" Velvet		.13
"	" Cassia 1/4 Pound		.26
16th	" Car Fare		.50
"	" Apples 2 Qts		.16
18th	" 2 Bushel Potatoes	1.20	
19th	" Rolling pin		.13
20th	" Car Fare		1.00
"	" Flour		.55
"	" Lace		.20
"	" Thread		.08
"	" 2 Tablecloth		1.83
"	" Oil cloth		.37
"	" Gloves		.38

Cash Acct Nov 1861

Date		Recd	Paid
20th	" For Sleeves		.25
"	" Yarn		.15
"	" Knife		.25
"	" Sprung		.75
"	" Raisins		
22d	" Vinegar	.07	~~.07~~
"	" Saleratus		.07
23d	" Cloves		.04
"	" 1/2 Ginger		.05
"	" Shine		.16
25th	" Taxes		3.06
26th	" Buffalo	3.50	
27th	" Tooth		.25
28th	" 2 bus Turnips	.34	
30th	" 2 Pair Blet		.50
"	" Car Fare		.20
"	" Nuts & cake		.16

CASH ACCOUNT—December.

Date.		Rec'd.	Paid.	Dolls.	Cts.
	Mangloes		.12		
	Oranges		.11		
	Butter Cans		.10	100	00
10th	Wax Beans	5,00			
11th	4 Quart Pans	1,40			
13th	Chest		09	20	00
	Dog Line Fish		25		
17th	Carfare		60		
	Crackers & Candy		14	25	00
	Soap (Lard)		37		
19th	Fly Paper		50		
23rd	2 qts Nuts		15	4	40
28	Mending Shoes		12		
	Sugar		42		
	Candy		05	50	00
24th	Starch		10		
	Crackers		20		
	Paper		04	10	00
	Coal		2,50		
	Beans		2,25		
	Cassia		10	50	00
	Brick		08		
	Lamp		02		

CASH ACCOUNT—Summary.

	Rec'd.	Paid.
JANUARY,		
FEBRUARY,		
MARCH,		
APRIL,		
MAY,		
JUNE,		
JULY,		
AUGUST,		
SEPTEMBER,		
OCTOBER,		
NOVEMBER,		
DECEMBER,		

January—~~Bills~~ Notes PAYABLE.

Date.	Name.	Dolls.	Cts.
	Notes Due me.		
	Mess Gingers		
July 23d 1857	Amos P. Woodward Interest is paid to July 23d 1860	100	00
Nov 1st 1858	E. B. Miller Interest is paid to Nov 1st 59	20	00
April 2d 1859	E. B. Miller Interest is paid to April 2d 60	25	00
Nov 29th 1859	M. L. Greene ~~RECEIVABLE.~~	7	40
Dec 29th 1859	Nathan Metcalf Interest is paid to Dec 29th 60	50	00
Jan 21st 1860	A. J. Newell	10	00
Jan 23d 1861	Benj. Foster Interest after April 1st 61	150	00

February—BILLS PAYABLE.

Date.	Name.	Dolls.	Cts.
	RECEIVABLE.		

~~March~~—BILLS ~~PAYABLE~~ Due me

Date.	Name.	Dolls.	Cts.
1859	Geo. A. Tabine	3.	20
1856/57	Joh. Greene	1.	40
1856	Silas Bullard		50
1859	Mrs O. Adams	1.	16
Dec 3d/59	N. B. Tabine	1.	32
	~~Warren Bullard~~ RECEIVABLE	6.	50
March 27th/60	Lent Frank Peck	3.	00
Aug 30th/60	Lent A. J. Newell	6.	00

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Chilson Family History

(Written in 1918?)

JAMES O. CHILSON

(Names that are printed in bold lettering are mentioned in many of the Wadsworth Diaries)

James O. Chilson is one of the valued and respected citizens of Franklin, now living retired in the city in which for many years, he was an active business man. He was born in South Bellingham, March 28, 1837, and has therefore passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey. The family name appears to be another spelling of the ancient English Chilton, the second syllable of which means town, and a number of towns and parishes in England still bear the name. The coat of arms of the Chilton family of Wye, in County Kent, and Cadiz, Spain, is: Argent, *a chevron gules with a Bordure gobonated or and azure.* Crest: A griffon *passant* sable bezantee. Walsingham Chilson, the immigrant ancestor of all of this surname in Norfolk County, came doubtless from Kent, England, and settled at Marblehead before 1647. the records show that he was witness in a case in court in 1647 and that he owned a swamp lot in 1649. He and his wife, Mary, sold land in Marblehead to Francis Johnson, July 13, 16(?)5. John Chilson, their only known child, was born probably in England or possibly in Marblehead or at Lynn, Massachusetts. He married Sarah, daughter of Joseph Jenks, and resided at Lynn; Their children were as follows: John, who married Elizabeth Jenks; Walsingham; Joseph; Sarah, who married February 2, 1693-4; and William, who wedded Jane Rhodes.

Of this family Walsingham Chilson (II) was born in 1681 and died at Bellingham, Massachusetts, January 15, 1760. About 1738, he settled at South Bellingham and lived in the vicinity of Scott or Chilson Hill. He was a housewright and a farmer and his homestead is now owned by a lineal descendant, James A. Chilson. Before his death, he deeded to his son Joseph, all his property, including about four hundred acres of land near Hoag Lake. He was a tythingman in 1742 and in 1744 was on the school committee. The same year he was employed by the town to repair the meeting house and in 1738, he with others appeared in court to protest against the interference by the town in church affairs. He was married October 20, 1709, to Susanne Edmunds, at Lynn. Their children were: Joseph; Dorcas, who died November 18, 1743; John, who died October 7, 1741; Mary, who died July 14, 1736; Sarah, who died July 19,1747; and Susanne, who was married May 9, 1744 to Jonathan Bosworth.

Joseph Chilson, son of Walsingham Chilson (II), was born at Lynn and died at Bellingham February 8, 1778. He removed with his parents to South Bellingham and conducted a blacksmith shop on the road from Bellingham to Woonsocket. It was customary for the town to post the town warrants on the front of his shop, as it was a much frequented place. He was employed by the town to enlarge the pound. He served as town clerk from 1745 to 1764. His name, as well as his father's, often appears on the records of the town. He was married November 23, 1744, to Mercy Shuttleworth, who was born at Wrentham, February 8, 1716, and died August 8, 1747. On the 15th of November, 1747, he married Lydia Pratt, who died March 29, 1789. He had one child of his first marriage, Martha, born April 13, 1746. The children of his second marriage were: Joseph, born July 17, 1751; John, born February 3, 1754; Joshua, born July 8, 1756; Jedediah, born April 18, 1758; and Mary, born June 23, 1761.

John Chilson (II), son of Joseph Chilson, was born at South Bellingham, February 3, 1754, and died there December 5, 1830. He was brought up on his father's farm and attended the common

schools. He was a prosperous farmer, keeping forty head of cattle. At one time he engaged in the manufacture of cotton goods in the old stone mill near his house. In the early part of 1800 this mill was burned and later a sawmill was erected near Hoag Lake but was destroyed in 1816 and replaced by a new mill, which was only recently demolished. He served in the Revolution in Captain Jesse Holbrook's company, which marched on the Lexington alarm April 19, 1775; also in Captain Amos Ellis; company, Major Seth Bullard's regiment (Fourth Suffolk) in 1780 and marched to Tiverton, Rhode Island, on the alarm in 1780. He was also in Captain Holbrook's company, Colonel Wheelock's regiment, in 1776, in Warwick, Rhode Island. His death was caused by a fall backward over a pair of bars, breaking his neck, and he was laid to rest in the old cemetery at South Bellingham. He was very kind-hearted and generous, giving largely to all worthy public enterprises and private needs. He was one of ten who contributed the necessary funds to complete the town house, March 15, 1800. On the 3rd of January, 1782, he married Mrs. Abigail Draper, who was born in 1756 and died June 29, 1834. Anna Chilson, the eldest of their children, was born October 3, 1783, and was married February 12, 1804, to Colonel Joseph Rockwood and they had nine children, namely; Lucena Rockwood, born October 18, 1806; Preston, born August 2, 1808; Artman, born December 23, 1810; Susan, Mary 15, 1813; Maria, October 13, 1815; Joseph Munroe, July 1, 1818; Ichabod Chilson, the second child of John Chilson, was born August 29, 1811, and died October 29, 1815; and Caleb Adams, who was born January 2, 1813, and died November 9, 1816. John Chilson, the third member of the family of John Chilson (II), was born January 2, 1788, and died February 12, 1789. John, the fourth member of the family, was born October 25, 1790, and died March 14, 1841. He was married November 29, 1823, to Elmira Cook and they had two children; John Draper, born October 29, 1824; and Lucius Addison, born May 31, 1830. Nabby, the fifty member of the family of John Chilson (II), was born June 27, 1793, and was married December 8, 1816, to Captain Amos Hill. Martin, born April 25, 1797, was married January 3, 1819, to Lavina Scott. Orrin was the youngest member of the family.

Orrin Chilson was born in South Bellingham, July 26, 1799, and there passed away September 6, 1863. He attended the district school and worked with his father on the farm. At the latter's death in 1830, he assumed the management of the farm and became a progressive and successful agriculturist. He also slaughtered beef for the local market. In politics, he was a Whig and in religious faith, a Baptist. His ideals were high and his conduct above reproach. By reading and observation, he kept well informed and was a liberal minded man. His home was noted for its hospitality. At Franklin, in 1825, he married Diadema Cook, who was born May 5, 1808, a daughter of Reuben and Nancy (Whipple) Cook, who were of English descent, and the former was a son of Silas Cook. The family lived originally in Pelham, Massachusetts. The parents of Mrs. Orrin Chilson made their home at Bellingham, where Mr. Cook followed the occupation of farming, and later Reuben Cook lived for many years upon a farm near the village of Franklin. In the family of Mr. & Mrs. Orrin Chilson were ten children: Martha Whipple, who was born March 20, 1826, and died in 1854, was married on the 11th of November, 1846 to **William E. Hubbard**, of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, and had one son, **Edward Livingstone Hubbard**, who was born February 22, 1849. Reuben, the second member of the family, was born October 13,1828, and was married February 3, 1853, to Hannah J. Cook, of South Bellingham. He served as postmaster and was also a merchant of Bellingham and later became a farmer of East Woonsocket, Rhode Island, where he passed away. He had a son, Irving Elwood, who was born January 29, 1854, and who married Carmilla Carroll and had one child, Homer Lyon, while the other children of his family were: Carrian Thurber, who was born June 14, 1856, and died January 29, 1890; Worthy Cook, who was born July 28, 1858, and died April 30, 1875; Ann May, who was born April 2, 1861 and died February 20, 1863; Bernard Burnside, who was born June 6, 1864, and married Alida Blanchard, their daughter, Mildred Beatrice, being born December 21, 1896; Etta Frances, who was born in 1866, and was married June 12,1888, to Robert Lee Hawkins, their children being Ida Louise Hawkins, who was born April 11, 1889, and died August 27 1905, and Florence Ida Hawkins, born June 27, 1906; Wilmar Grant, who was born January 3,

1869, and died September, 1872; Bertha Avis, who was born June 8, 1872 and died July 15, 1872; Luther George, who was born September 24, 1873 and died in 1874; Mattie Jane, who was born February 20, 1875 and who died on the 30th of April of that year.

Orrin Chilson, the third member of the family of Orrin Chilson, Sr., was born October 6, 1830, and engaged in the butchering business at South Bellingham until his death, which occurred September 18, 1901. On the 27th of September, 1858, be had married **Almira Belinda Cook**, and their children were: Austin Burnside, who was born October 13, 1861, and was married October 1, 1890 to Carrie Louise Grant, by whom he had two children - Stanley Grant, born July 30, 1891, and Grace Louise, born December 27, 1897; and Minnie Bell, born August 24, 1865.

Diadama Cook, the fourth member of the family of Orrin Chilson, Sr., was born October 28, 1832, and died in March, 1880. She was the wife of **Frederick A. Sherburne**, a farmer and straw worker of Bellingham.

Libbeus, the fifty member of the family, was born March 1, 1835, and died in December, 1906. He was a boot maker of South Bellingham and he married Eliza J. Warring, of Hopkinton, by whom he had one child, coring, and after the death of his first wife, he married Louise Weldon and they had a daughter, Pearl, who became the wife of George Taylor and had a daughter, Lillian.

James Olney, whose name introduces this review, was the sixth member of the family.

Lewis M. born in 1842, died December 14, 1901. He was married December 6, 1865 to Frances M. Sherman, of South Bellingham and their children were: Ida Lewis, born October 10, 1874, and married February 19, 1902, to Fred Orrell; Nettie Frances, born September 4, 1877; and Lester Herman, born March 28, 1891.

Mary E., the eighth of the family , died in infancy in 1846.

Eliza Ellen, the ninth member of the family, was born May 29, 1848, and became the wife of **Edwin Cook,** of South Franklin, and now resides in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Their children are: Lloyd Milton Cook, born August 22, 1872, and married November 12, 1901, to Cora May Adams; Ethel Cook, born September 14, 1874; Maud Eliza, born July 9, 1880, and married October 28, 1904, to Rufus Daniels Billings, by whom she has one child, Almira Cook Billings, born March 5, 1906; and Chency Edwin Cook born December 14, 1882.

Mariana Chilson, the youngest member of the family of Orrin Chilson, Sr., was born February 7, 1850 and now resides in Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

James Olney Chilson, the immediate subject of this review, was born at South Bellingham, March 28, 1837, and attended the public schools in the home district until he reached the age of eighteen years, after which he continued to work for his father upon the farm until he attained the age of twenty. At that time, he went to work for his brother **Orrin,** who was a butcher and cattle trader, and in that employ drove a provision cart in connection with the other work of the trade. After the death of his father, he and his brother, **Lewis**, conducted the home farm until 1866 and in that year he went to Franklin, where in company with **Joseph W. Heaton**, his brother-in-law, he bought out the meat market of the firm of Curtis & Marsh. This they conducted for four years, under the style of Heaton & Chilson, and in 1870, Mr. Chilson purchased his partner's interest and soon erected a building for the accommodation of his large and increasing trade. He also dressed cattle for the wholesale trade and was very successful. In 1891 he sold his business to Richardson & Emerson and retired from active business life saved for the supervision, which he gives to his investments in Real Estate. He resides on Dean Avenue in Franklin. He has built

and sold several cottages and houses in Franklin and in fact has erected over twenty building in the vicinity, including four of the finest homes in Franklin, but has sold most of them.

On the 10th of May, 1864, Mr. Chilson was married to Miss **Melansa Grant Metcalf Heaton**, who was born at Franklin, September 4, 1843, a daughter of Samuel and Tirzah (Carleton) Heaton, who were farming people of South Franklin until their death, when they were laid to rest in the cemetery at West Wrentham. Mrs. Chilson was the youngest of thirteen children, all of whom has passed away; George, Albert, Joseph W., Henry, Charles, Nellie and Melansa all having been laid to rest in the Franklin cemetery, while the others where buried at West Wrentham. Melansa Heaton & Ellen Heaton attended Wheaton College 1862 & 1863. Ellen Heaton attended 1863 –1864,1864 -1865. The Heaton family is of English descent although the father of Mrs. Chilson was born in Massachusetts and the mother in Vermont. To Mr. And Mrs. Chilson were born in the following named; Eva Mabel, born July 1, 1865, was married June 22, 1887 to Edward Bertham Sherman, postmaster of Franklin, and their children are: Florence Sherman, born August 4, 1889; Ralph Chester, July 26, 1891; Howard Allen, who was born April 12, 1893, and died July 29, 1905; Dean Carleton, who was born September 9, 1895; and Eva Maud Sherman, born December 12, 1896. Annie D'Ette, the second child of Mr. & Mrs. Chilson, was born March 14, 1869 and died July 19, 1874. Forence Chester, born January 2, 1873, died on the 17th of June, 1874. James Carlton, the fourth member of the family, was born on May 13, 1877 and he died on December 18, 1941. On June 21, 1904, he was married to Emma Helen Gertrude Dalton and their children are: Carlton Leroy, born March 27, 1905; James Walter, born May 2, 1906; and Robert Olney born January 2, 1908 and died January 25, 1944. Helen Jean, born March 3, 1908 and Lloyd Allan, born June 11, 1916. On May 30, 1943, their mother Emma Helen Gertrude Dalton Chilson died. Dean Leroy, the next member of the family of Mr. & Mrs. James O. Chilson, was born February 18, 1880, and was married July 27, 1904, to Edna Estelle Hursh. Their children are: Frances Hursh, born July 26, 1905 and died December 8, 1906; and Margaret Elizabeth, born August 23, 1908. Walter Olney, the youngest child of Mr. & Mrs. James O. Chilson, was born September 9, 1888, and died October 20, 1888. The death of the wife and mother, Mrs. Melansa Chilson, occurred September 301917, and her demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for she had endeared herself to many friends in the community and in the church through her lovable disposition, her neighborly thoughtfulness and her charming domesticity. She was a consistent member of the Universalist church and a helpful member of the Ladies' Social Circle. On the 24th of May, 1914, Mr. & Mrs. Chilson had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, an occasion that was greatly enjoyed by the many friends who were in attendant. Mr. Chilson also belongs to the Universalist church, and his life has been guided by its teachings. For many years he gave his political allegiance to the democratic party and now maintains an independent attitude in politics. He is a charter member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Franklin and for forty-nine years has been identified with the Masonic fraternity, at all times exemplifying in his life the beneficent spirit upon which the organization is founded. He served on the board of assessors for ten years and has always stood for progress and improvement in public affairs.

His life has been crowned with substantial and honorable success. He built up a profitable business through indefatigable energy and honorable dealing and is now enabled to enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He has remarkable activity and command of his faculties for one of his years and this is undoubtedly due in considerable measure to the fact that he has never used tobacco in any form. He is one of the most respected men of the community, an upright life having gain for him the confidence and goodwill of all who know him, and there is no one more worthy of mention among the representative residents of Norfolk County that James O. Chilson.

Courtesy of James C. Chilson, 43 Pine St. Franklin